Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the third day of November next, at nine Oclock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the third Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for two Special Commissioners, and for four Commissioners of Insolvency, and for a Register of Probate and Insolvency, and for a Sheriff for the County of Worcester, and for a District Attorney for the Middle District and for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. And for a Representative to represent the Eighth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the forty first Congress of the United States. Also for a Representative to represent the twelfth Representative District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. -

The Votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and unfolded on One ballot, or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate Ballots as best Suits the Voter. Each Voter to Specify the Office voted for -

The Polls will be Open to receive the Votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A M. and may be closed at twelve Oclock M -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville

and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our Hands this twenty Second day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight

Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
H C Greenwood
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton November 3d A D 1868

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England village Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed.

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy

James W White Town Clerk.

Grafton November 3d A D 1868

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the third day of November A D 1868 it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in Said Month. The Meeting was called to Order by Charles C Wood Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. and the Warrant for the meeting was read by him. When on Motion it was Voted to close the Polls at three Oclock this afternoon.

At Three Oclock in the afternoon the Polls were closed. the Votes given in having been Sorted counted and recorded were declared to be as follows. and for the following Persons. Viz.

For Presidential Electors At Large. Rep

David Sears of Boston had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
John H Clifford of New Bedford had four hundred sixteen votes 416

Dem

Josiah G Abbott of Boston had One hundred and twenty Votes 120
John R Briggs of Sheffield had One hundred and twenty Votes 120

Dist No 1 Richard L Teasy of Edgartown had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
" " " Isaac T Jones of Sandwich had One hundred & twenty Votes 120

Dist No 2 William Mason of Taunton had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
" " " S B Thaxter of Abington had One hundred & twenty Votes 120

Dist No 3 William Whiting of Boston had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
" " " James M Keith of Boston had One hundred & twenty Votes 120

Dist No 4 Frank B Fay of Chelsea had four hundred sixteen Votes 416
" " " Edward C Barnes of Chelsea had ~~One~~ hundred & ~~twenty~~ Votes 120

Dist No 5 James N Buffum of Lynn had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
" " " Jonathan Nayson of Amesbury had One hundred & twenty Votes 120

Dist No 6 George Cogswell of Bradford had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
" " " John K Tarbox of Lawrence had One hundred & twenty Votes 120

Dist No 7 J Wiley Edmunds of Newton had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
" " " Wm F Salmon of Lowell had One hundred & twenty Votes 120

Dist No 8 Paul Whitin of Northbridge had four hundred sixteen Votes 416
Levi Barker of Worcester has One hundred & twenty Votes 120

Dist No 9 Charles A Stevens of Ware had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
" " " J Otis Hale of Hubbardston had One hundred & twenty Votes 120

Dist No 10 M B Whitney of Westfield had four hundred Sixteen Votes 416
" " " Henry W Bishop of Lenox had One hundred & twenty Votes 120

The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to Congress from District No 8 was five hundred forty four 544

George F Hoar of Worcester had four hundred twelve Votes 412
Henry H Stevens of Dudley had One hundred thirty two Votes 132

over

The Whole number of Votes for Governor was Five Hundred thirty five 535

William Claflin of Newton had three hundred and Seventy two Votes 372

John Quincy Adams of Quincy had One Hundred and Sixty three Votes 163

The whole number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was five hundred thirty Six 536

Joseph Tucker of Lenox had three hundred Seventy four Votes 374

Reuben Noble of Westfield had One hundred Sixty two Votes 162

The whole number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was five hundred forty four 544

Oliver Warner of Northampton had three hundred and Eighty Votes 380

Charles Brimblecom of Barre had One hundred Sixty four Votes 164

The Whole Number of Votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was five hundred forty three 543

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth had three hundred Seventy Eight Votes 378

Harvy Arnold of North Adams had One hundred Sixty four Votes 164

E K Aldrich of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole number of Votes for Auditor was five hundred forty three 543

Henry L Briggs of Pittsfield had three hundred Seventy Nine Votes 379

Arthur F Devreux of Boston had One hundred Sixty four votes 164

The whole number of votes for Attorney General was five hundred forty three 543

Charles Allen of Boston had three hundred Seventy Eight votes 378

Wm C Endicott of Salem had One hundred Sixty four votes 164

James W McKenzie of Grafton had One vote 1

The whole number of votes for Councillor for Council District No 3 was five Hundred forty One 541

Thomas Rice Jr of Newton had three hundred Seventy Eight votes 378.

Seth Adams of Newton had One hundred Sixty two votes- 162

Tim Bosworth of Grafton had One vote 1

The whole number of votes for Senator for the second Worcester District was five hundred forty two 542

Charles A. Murdock of Uxbridge had three hundred Seventy Seven votes- 377

J Henry Wood of Grafton had One hundred Sixty four votes 164

W. D. Wheeler of Grafton had One vote 1

The whole number of votes for Sheriff for Worcester County was five hundred twenty three 523

John S. C. Knowlton of Worcester had three hundred Sixty Eight votes- 368

over

George. Hodges of Oxford had One hundred fifty four votes 154

Charles Pinniman of Grafton had One vote 1

The whole number of votes for District Attorney for the Middle District was five hundred twenty three 523

William W Rice of Worcester had three hundred Sixty Eight votes- 368

Charles H B Snow of Fitchburg had One hundred fifty four votes 154

Frank Carroll of Grafton had One vote 1

The whole number of votes for Register of Probate and Insolvency for Worcester County was five hundred twenty three 523

Charles E Stevens of Worcester had three hundred Sixty Eight votes 368

Capt F W Perry of Worcester had One hundred fifty four votes 154

Jerry Flagg of Grafton had One vote 1

The Whole number of votes for County Commissioner for Worcester County was five hundred and thirty six 536

William O Brown of Royalston had three hundred Eighty two votes 382

A J Sumner of Milford had One hundred fifty three votes- 153

Warren Munyan of Grafton had One vote 1

The Whole number of votes for Judicial Commissioners for Worcester County was five hundred forty three 543

John McClellan of Grafton had Three hundred Sixty Six Votes 366
Silas Holman of Bolton had Three hundred Seventy nine Votes 379

Geo G Valentine of Northboro had One hundred Sixty three Votes 163
Henry C Hill of Gardner had One hundred Sixty four Votes 164

The Votes for Commissioners of Insolvency were as follows- viz-

D H Merriam of Fitchburg had three hundred Seventy Eight Votes 378
A G Biscoe of Westboro had three hundred Seventy Eight Votes 378
F P Goulding of Worcester had three hundred seventy nine Votes 379
F F Fay of Athol had three hundred Seventy Eight Votes 378
(No Democratic Nomination)

The Whole number of Votes for Representative for District No. Twelve in Worcester County was. five hundred thirty Seven 537

George F Nichols of Grafton had three hundred forty four Votes 344

J H Wood of Grafton had One hundred ninety three Votes 193

The Returns of all the foregoing Votes having been made Out. Signed by the proper Town Officers and Sealed up in Open Town Meting The meting was dissolved.
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 4th A D 1868
The Town Clerks of Grafton and Shrewsbury met at the Town Hall in Grafton at twelve Oclock M for the purpose of determining the result of the vote for Representative to represent District No twelve in Worcester County and found that J H Wood of Grafton had two hundred Seventy three Votes. 273

George F Nichols of Grafton had five hundred twenty Seven Votes and was Elected 527

Shrewsbury vote was for Nichols 183
" " Wood 80
James W White Town Clerk of Grafton

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Worcester ss.

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In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to Meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the third day of November next at One Oclock in the afternoon, to act on the following Articles, to wit.

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to Preside in Said Meeting

Art 2d To See if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen upon the laying Out of a Public Highway from near the House of Geo W Hale Easterly Over "Pigion Hill" or act thereon —

" 3d To See if the Town will make an Appropriation of five hundred dollars, to in part remunerate the Contractor and Builder of the Soldiers Monument for Said Town, Or Act thereon as Petitioned for by Wm G Scandlin and Others. —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting Up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting.

Hereof Fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid —

Given under Our Hands this twenty Second day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight

Chas C Wood
Charles Fowle
H C Greenwood
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton November 3d A D 1868

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting Up an ~~Attested~~ copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village

Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. as therein directed

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and Return

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the third day of November A D 1868. at One Oclock in the afternoon and transacted the following business viz

1st By Ballot chose C C Wood Moderator. of said Meeting The check list being used at his Election—

Took up the second Article in the Warrant and On Motion of Wm F Slocum Esq it was voted to Accept and adopt the Report of the Selectmen referred to in this Article which is in the words and figures following viz

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton holden on the Seventh day of September A D 1868

Whereas upon the Petition of Willard S Wood and Others. making application to the said Selectmen "that they should locate and lay out a Highway from near the House of George W Hale. Easterly and over Pigeon Hill over the road that was discontinued by vote of the Town at a legal Town Meeting held June 8th A D 1868. or so much of it as may be deemed best by said Selectmen".

Due proceedings having been had thereon. and after legal Notice to all persons interested. At a meeting held by them on the twenty first day of September A D 1868 it was considered and adjudged that so much of the route as is hereafter described. should be located and laid Out. as a public Highway—to wit—

Beginning at a Stone Bound Set in the ground five links North of an Abutment. on the Easterly end of the Bridge which leads from said Road into Land of Willard S Wood, and is thirty three feet South East from the South East Corner of said Willard S Woods Barn. said Stone Bound being Number One—

Thence over Land of Willard S Wood. S. 89°-30 E.

four and Eighty Eight One hundredths rods. to land of Jonathan D Wheeler. Thence over land of Said Wheeler Same course thirty five and Twelve One hundredths rods to a Stone Bound imbedded in the ground and numbered Two-

Thence Over land of Said Wheeler N 89° 30' E Twenty Eight rods to a Stone Bound imbedded in the ground. and numbered Three.

Thence Over land of Said Wheeler N 87° 10' E Eighteen rods to a Stone Bound Embedded in the ground and Numbered Four - Thence over land of Said Wheeler N 86° 45' E. Eleven rods and nine links to land of Silas Vinton. Thence Over land of Said Vinton Same course fifteen rods and three links to a Stone Bound imbedded in the ground numbered five. Said bound being the Eastern terminus of Said road - The afore described line being the Northern line of Said road, and the proposed road is laid out two rods wide and is all South of the described bounds.

On the South Side of Said road and beginning at the West End the line runs Over land of Georg W Hale Easterly Eleven and One fifth rods to land of Lovell Baker. Thence over land of Said Baker Easterly forty Six and four fifths rods to land of John A Pierce. Thence Over land of Said Pierce Easterly forty three rods to land of Liberty Wood

Thence over land of Said Wood, Easterly Eleven rods to the End of Said road. Said road is intended to be laid Over the Old road which was discontinued by Vote in Town Meeting June Eighth A D 1868

Chas C Wood
N C Greenwood
S B Dolliver
} Selectmen of Grafton

Took up the third Article in the Warrant and after Some Explanatory remarks by Rev Wm G Scandlin it was Voted to pass Over the Article - and the Meeting was dissolved

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton December 14th A D 1868

At a meting of the remaining numbers of the Board of Gneral School Committee and Selectmen held this Evening after due Notice given according to law for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the said Board of School Committee occasioned by the removal of Rev Gilbert Robbins from town. Miss Jane E Warren was unanimously Elected to fill said vacancy for the remainder of the Municipal Year —

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vot in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the First day of March next at Nine O'Clock in the forenoon, to Act on the following Articles, to wit,

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting—

Art 2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

Art 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and Act thereon

Art 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and act thereon

Art 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and Act thereon

Art 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and Act thereon

Art 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and Act thereon—

Art 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon,

Art 9 To hear the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery and Act thereon,

Art 10 To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and Act thereon,

Art 11th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year—

Art 12th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make Appropriations of the Same and Act thereon—

Art 13th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such Periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be Collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the Compensation of the Collector and Act thereon

Art 14th To see what Compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing Year and Act thereon—

Art 15th To see what Compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and Act thereon.

Art 16th To see if the Town will authorise the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts or act thereon

Art 17th To see if the Town will accept of the "list of names" prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or Act thereon

Art 18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School shall be kept the Ensuing Year—

Art 19th To see if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M and at 9 Oclock P M or Act thereon—

Art. 20th To see if the Town will Abolish the School Districts therein or Act thereon.

Art 21 To see if the Town will ~~Paint~~ the Hearse House and fence around the Cemetery at Farmumsville to be painted or Act thereon as petitioned for by C C Willis and Others—

Art 22d To see if the Town will Ornament their Old Central Burying Ground, northerly of the Tomb with more Trees on its borders — by cutting and killing the brush — raising the Grave Stones to their Original position — removing the Moss from the Same by washing or Act thereon as petitioned for by Charles Brigham

Art 23d To see if the Town will make any compensation to L Farwell for repairs on the Aqueduct conveying the water to the watering trough by the road side near his Barn, and take measures to keep the same in repair for the future or Act thereon as requested by said Farwell —

Art 24th To See if the Town will make an Appropriation of Money for the Public Library and Reading Room or Act thereon

Art. 25th To See if the Town will Authorise their Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town or Act thereon

Art 26th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and Act thereon _

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town - and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under Our Hands this Seventeenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty nine -

Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
H C Greenwood
W D Wheeler
I B Dolliver
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton March 1st 1869

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town. and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village, Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed -

Attest S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and Return

Attest James White Town Clerk

Grafton March 1st A D 1869

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday March 1st A D 1869. and transacted the following business viz

1st By Ballot Chose S D Hall Moderator - (Check list used)
Prayer by Rev Mr Windsor -

2. On Motion of E B Bigelow it was voted that the votes for Town Clerk. Five Selectmen. Three Assessors - Town Treasurer Three Overseers of the Poor. One General School Committee for three Years and One General School Committee for One Year. One Trustee for River Side Cemetery. One Trustee for Pine Grove Cemetery. One Common Committee and Six Constables. on One Ballot.

On Motion of E. B Bigelow it was voted that the Polls be closed at One Oclock P M for the above Offices

At One Oclock P M the Polls were closed. the votes Sorted and counted with the following result viz

The Whole number of votes for Town Clerk was three hundred seventy five - James G Putnam had One vote - 1
James W White had three hundred Seventy four 374 votes and was declared Elected and duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator in Open town meeting -

The Whole Number of votes for Selectmen was three hundred and Seventy three 373 -
Charles Fowler had One Hundred and Ninety five votes
H C Greenwood had One hundred and Ninety two vote
Henry F Wing had One hundred and Eighty Eight votes
George H Rugg had One hundred and Eighty One votes
Seth J Axtell and Reuben Taft had Each One hundred and Seventy Eight votes - which being the next highest number of votes cast. It was on Motion voted to proceed forthwith to ballot for the fifth Selectman which was accordingly done with the following result

The whole number of votes Cast was two hundred and Seventy three. Of which J G Hall had two votes
S J Axtell had One hundred and twenty five votes
W D Wheler had One hundred forty Six votes — Then
Charles Fowler
H C Greenwood
H F Wing
George H Rugg
W D Wheler

were declared Elected Selectmen of the Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing. and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall, Moderator. and immediately Entred upon the same. —

("Russel Tinker had One hundred Sixty five votes 165
J G Hall had One hundred Seventy five votes 175
S Dadmun had One hundred Seventy Six votes 176
J W Taft had One hundred Sixty Seven votes 167
Silas Winton had One vote. J H Smith had one vote
J Flagg had two votes. L N Leland had One vote.
W D Wheler had five votes at the first Ballot for Selectmen")

The Whole number of votes for Treasurer was three hundred Sixty four.
John W Bigelow had One hundred Sixty Six votes

Rufus E Warren had One hundred ninety Eight votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk —

For Assessors.

Gilbert C Taft had three hundred Sixty Six votes & was Elected
J H Wood had two hundred nineteen votes & was Elected
Jesse H Smith had One hundred ninety three votes & was Elected
I E Harrington had One hundred Sixty five votes.
W L Murgan had One hundred thirty One votes.
Reuben Taft had One vote
D W Norcrop had One vote

For Overseers of the Poor

James G Putnam had three Hundred thirty nine votes & was Elected
Hollis Chamberlin had One hundred ninety three votes & was Elected
Willis Works had One hundred Eighty One votes & was Elected

James G Putnam was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. March 2d 1869 By James W White Town Clk

Willis Works was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. March 3d 1869 By James W White Town Clk

Hollis Chamberlin was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office March 24th 1869 By James W White Town Clerk -

J J Goodrich had One hundred Seventy Six Votes 176
A G Getchell had One hundred Seventy four votes 174
J H Wood had two votes 2
Geo K Nichols L H Bigelow & Albert Pike had Each One Vote.

For General School Committee

For Three Years. Dr D. E Fulton had had One hundred Seventy four votes 174

Rev. J H Windsor had One hundred Eighty Six Votes & was Elected

For One Year Rev A J Bates had three hundred forty four votes & was Elected

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery

Rufus E Warren had One hundred Eighty nine Votes. 189 & was Elected
James Gleason Had One hundred Seventy Six votes 176

For Turstee of Pine Grove Cemetery -

Alvah Foote had One hundred ninety four Votes (194) & was Elected
L H Bigelow had One hundred Six ty nine votes -

For Common Committee

Jonathan D Wheeler had One hundred Eighty five votes (185) & was Elected
F H Marble had One hundred fifty Six votes - (156)
D W Norcross had two votes. S A Forbush L F Allen and John Odlum had Each One Vote

For Constables.

S D Hall had two hundred Nine votes (209) & was Elected
H M Davis had One hundred ninety four votes (194) & was Elected
Henry K Cady had two hundred three votes (203) & was Elected
George R Newton had One hundred ninety two votes (192) & was Elected
Pelley Goddard had One hundred ninety One votes (191) & was Elected
Sargent Daniels had One hundred Seventy One votes (171) & was Elected
F N Hall had One hundred Six ty nine votes 169
Calvin D Nourse had One hundred thirty votes 130

E Fowler had One hundred Sixty nine Votes 169
Lewis Daniels had One hundred Sixty five Votes 165
A E Bassett had One hundred Sixty nine Votes 169
W D Wheler. James Gleason Geo F Estabrook. Thomas Aldrich
Geo M Newton and Silas Linton had Each One Vote

Constables. When Sworn

S D Hall March 1st 1869 By James W White Town Clerk
H M Davis March 1st 1869 By S D Hall Moderator in Open Meeting
Henry K Eddy March 1st 1869 By James W White Town Clerk
George R Newton March 2 1869 By James W White Town Clerk
Perley Goddard March 1st 1869 By S D Hall Moderator in Open Meeting
Sargent Daniels - March 10th 1869 By S D Hall Justice of the Peace

On Motion Voted to Choose the remaining Town Officers which must by law be Chosen by the Town. By Nomination as Large

Voted to have two Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing Then By Nomination. Chose
H T Eddy
A J Hall
Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing -

Voted to have Three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing Then by Nomination Chose
George Walcott
George F Estabrook
George M Newton
Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing

By Nomination Chose
Benjamin Kingsbury
Pound Keeper for the Year Ensuing -

Voted to have Two Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing By Nomination Chose
Reuben Taft Sworn June 25 1869 B James W White Town Clerk
Noah Fletcher
Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing

Chose Rufus E Warren
Sealer of Weights & Measures for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing-

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Year Ensuing-

On Motion Voted that the Several School Districts in the Town be Authorised to choose their Own Prudential Committee for the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to Authorise the Selectmen to Appoint the remaining Town Officers to be chosen or Appointed which they may by law Appoint- --

Took Up the Third Art. in the Warrant. The Selectmens Report having been prepared and Printed, it was Voted to Accept the Report as Printed which is as follows

Selectmens Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton.

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, at the close of their official duties for the Year Ending March 1st 1869. Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town.

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of Said Town and find his Account correct and as follows

Dr

To Cash Received from all Sources as per report of Treasurer $40.728,47.

Cr.

Paid D W Norcross.	School District	No 1.	$1,045,10
" Perley Goddard	"	" 2	235,37
" Curtis Forbush	"	" 3	280 37
" George A Fay	"	" 4	228 70
" David L Fisk	"	" 5	237,70
" H M Davis	"	" 6	486,73
" Wm B Kempton	"	" 7	198,50
" Lewis A Stow	"	" 8	282,70
" Summer Packard	"	" 9	744 58
" G E Taft	"	" 10	473 89
" A H Knowlton	"	" 11	253,79
			4366 83

High School

1868				
March 4	Paid	W F Slocum Jr.	care of High School Room	$19.50
" "	"	H L Read	Teacher.	257.13
" 27	"	Jane E Warren	Assistant Teacher	104.00
April 13	"	John W Bigelow		7.28
May 2	"	Charles W Gray	Teacher	100.00
" 12	"	John W Bigelow	Advertising for Teacher	6.50
July 3	"	Charles W Gray	Teacher	225.00
" 8	"	Jane E Warren	Assistant Teacher	104.00
" 14	"	W F Slocum Jr	care of room	13.35
Nov 6	"	J W Leland	Stove and Fixtures	38.45
" 20	"	Edward Malley	Teacher	325.00
Dec 3	"	Jane E Warren	Assistant Teacher	130.00
" 8	"	W F Slocum Jr	care of Room	16.00
1869 Jan 6	"	John B White	for Coal	66.75
Feb 8	"	H C Greenwood	repairing House	36.00
" 8	"	Harrington & Nichols	Paints & Oils	92.43
" "	"	H C Greenwood	Painting & Other repairs on High School House	136.08
				$1677.47

1868				
May 1st	Paid	W D Wheeler	Chief Engineer Fire Department	$1.200.00

1869 Jany 9th	"	S G Hall	Services as Constable.	$ 52.00
Feb 1	"	G C Taft.	Services as Assessor	78.00
1868 March 4	"	Services of Selectmen for 1867.		200.00
1869 Feb 11	"	W L Munyan	Services as Assessor	15.00
" " 15	"	J W White	collecting Taxes for 1866 & 1867.	5.35
" " "	"	"	" " " 1868	172.88
	"	"	for Extra writing H.C.	10.20
				$ 630.63

1868 March 9.	"	James Gleason.	Sexton	55.10
" " 24		F N Hall	"	3.10
" July 2		James Gleason	"	28.70
" Aug 26		"	"	38.20
" Sept 11		Caleb Wood	repairing Hearse Harness	3.50
" Oct 21		Chas Fowler.	repairing Hearse at Fammum	$ 24.87
" Nov 27		James Gleason	Sexton	28.70
1869 Jany 6		J B White	Express on Hearse to Worcester & Back	3.00
" Feb 8		H C Greenwood	repairing Hearse	30.00
15		James Gleason	Services as Sexton	32.80
				$ 247.97

1868. June 10.	P. John B White.	Coal for Town Hall	$ 11 30
" July 1	James Carney	care of " "	50,00
1869 Jan 7 2	James Carney	Care of Town Hall	50,00
" " 6	John B White	Coal for "	69,83
" " 13	J W White	Record & Receipt Books & Voting list	66,75
" Feb 1	G C Taft	Stationary for Assessors	5 73
" " 15	J W White	Postage, Express & Stationary	36,82
" " 17	R E Warren	Receipt Book	600
1868. March 7	R E Warren.	Printing Town Reports	209,28
Oct 2	"	" " "	13 00
" "	J F Searle	Book Agents.	101,50
1869 Feb 17.	R E Warren	paying State Aid	50,00
1868 April 30.	A H White	ringing bell	25 00
" " "	"	repairing bell	50
May 1	J F Searle	Table for Armory	3 50
Nov 2	A H White	ringing Bell	25 00
" "	C C Wood	Expenses on Lockup.	4,99
" "	"	" Distributing Envelopes	100
" "	Bacon & Aldrich	Attorneys	163 75
	W L Munyan	Oil Lanterns and Jack	17,58
			$ 911,53

1868

May 8.	Gilbert Robbins	General School Committee	$ 90,00
" 12.	Wm F Wheeler	" " "	50,00
" 12	John W Bigelow	" " "	75 00
			$ 215 00

" Sept 29.	F Carroll.	drawing Lumber for Bridge at Farnums bills	$ 16,00
Nov 23	A Morse	Work on Bridge at Farnumsbills	71,50
Dec 4	Sand B Dolliver	repairing Bridge	47,40
			$ 134,90

1869

Jany 4.	Solid Lever Bridge Co.	in part for new Bridge at Farnumsbills	$ 900,00

1868

June 27.	R E Warren	For Military Company.	$ 113,50
Oct 6.	" "	" " "	851 00
			964,50
March 31	James G Putnam.	Overseer of the Poor	600,00
April 6	Sundry Persons	for breaking Roads.	606,24
" 25	L L Blatt & Co.	for Split Stone Loam and Labor on road	16,40

over

1868 June 15th	Henry Atkins	Underdraining road	500.00
July 20	"	making road	1,600,00
			2722.64
Sept 9th	James Carney	Care of Lights when road was being repaired	$10,00
Nov 13	John B Pratt	Surveying road	19 00
" 14	Joseph Bruce	Expense in Opposing road	81,25
Dec 2	A L Stow	repairs of highways in 1867	10,00
			$120,25

1869

Jan 16.	S A Knowles	Overseer of the Poor	$35,18
Feb 1	Saunders Cotton Mills	repairs of Highways	13,04
" 1	Darius Ferry	repairing Culvert	4,00
" 1	C C Wood	Expense on road to Saunders Mills Surveying and Setting Monuments	10,00
" 1	C C Wood	Expense for Laying Out Pigeon-Hill road	7,65
			$36,69
" Feb 17.	James G Putnam	Overseer of the Poor	$41 00
Feb 17	W D Wheeler	Chief Engineer Fire Department	$125.14
Feb 17	I W Cook	Damage to wagon caused by defect in highway	$7,00
" "	W D Wheeler	Lock & Keys for Lockup	4 50
			$11 50

1868

May 19.	James G Putnam	Road Commissioner		$125.00
" 25	Perley Goddard	"	"	75 00
July 1	"	"	"	25 00
" 6	Willis Works	"	"	100.00
" 25	L H Bigelow	"	"	180.00
" 25	James G Putnam	"	"	150 00
Sept 14	"	"	"	200.00
" 24	L H Bigelow	"	"	100.00
Oct 2	Willis Works	"	"	90.00
" 5	Perley Goddard	"	"	115.00
Nov 16	Joseph Adams	"	"	185,60
" "	James G Putnam	"	"	85 00
1869 Feb 17	"	"	"	11 50
1868 " Feb 28.				$1,442,10

1868. Sept 28th Paid Henry F Wing for the Library $500,00

1869 Feb. 17 " Services of the Selectmen for 1868 $200.00

Total Amount of Selectmen's Orders	$ 17,406,93
Other Sums paid by the Treasurer as per his Report	21,742,91
Total Amount Paid	$ 39,14984

Amount received	$40,728.47
Amount Paid	39,14984
In hands of Treasurer	$ 1,578,63

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds bearing interest at 5 percent	$21,000,00
Town Bonds bearing interest at 6 percent	8,000 00
Interest on the Above	,255,00
Due Agent of Town Farm	600,00
	$ 29,855 00

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes for 1867	$ 220,00
" " " 1868	946,57
United States. 5-20 Bond	1000,00
Town Farm and Buildings	6000 00
Personal Property on Farm	4744,60
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures	2500 00
Hook and Ladder Carriage	300,00
Three Engine Houses and Land	2350,00
High School Building and Land	3500 00
Lock Up	500,00
Hearse House	400,00
Furniture & Fixtures in Town Hall	300,00
Due from State for State Aid	4500 00
" " " Rent of Armory	8333
Cash and Cash Items in hands of Overseers of the Poor	110373
Amount in Hands of Treasurer	157863
	$ 39,02488

We respectfully Submit the following Estimate for which the Town Should by Tax or Otherwise in 1869- viz.

(over)

Interest on Town Debt	$1,530 00
Appropriation for High School	1,800,.00
" Common Schools.	4000.00
Fire Department	1500.00
Rent of Town Hall	500.00
Repair of Highways	2500.00
Town Bond No 2 5 per cent	1000.00
Town Bond No 1 of 6 per cent	1000,00
Other Town Charges & Expenses	3200.00
	$17,030,00

At the following named places Guide Boards are Erected and maintained within the Town viz

At the corner of the roads near Warren Block. near J D Wheeler's. near Silas Vintons. near William Wallace's near Edward Fahy's Barn, Northerly of the residence of George F Jourdan. near the Indian Burying Ground. near the Farnums ville School House. near the house of A Morse. near Jefferson Bellows. near Farnumsville Depot. near Charles McNamara's. near William Holbrooks. near H T Eddys. near Saunders Store near J McClellan's at the corner of the roads north east from Perley Goddards near Charles Daniels. At Each of the corners northerly of the Old burying ground. near Quinsigamond House N E village. near Widow H B Fairbanks's near the Dexter Hathaway place. near the House on the Town Farm near the Hunting House N E village. near J W Putnams northerly of the house of C. M. Vinson. near Joseph Kimballs at two places between the last named places near Widow H J Bodge near Capt Benj Aldrich's near Henry Wessons. on the Barn of B W Fay. near L N Lelands westerly of Geo Dennis near John O Rufs near Joseph Bruces near the House of W A Fish and near the House of Benjamin Kingsbury. All of which is respectfully Submitted

Chas C Wood
Charles Fowler
H C Greenwood
W D Wheeler
S B Dolliver
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest James W Fisk Town Clerk

Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant.
The Treasurers Report having been printed with other Reports was accepted as printed. as follows—

1868 Treasurers Report
Town of Grafton in account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer
Cr.

March	2d	By Cash on hand as per report		$ 910.91
"	"	" " " Tax of 1861		1.50
April	8.	" " " James W White Tax of 1867.		150.00
"	14	" " " Mechanics Savings Bank		4000.00
May	2	" " " Interest on 5-20 U.S. Bond		30.00
"	"	" " " Premium on Gold		11.81
June	5	" " " James W White Tax of 1867		150.00
"	16	" " " " J F Searle Liquor Agent.		300.00
July	1	" " " on Note at First National Bank		1968.00
"	"	" " " " " Everett Nat. Bank Boston		1971.67
"	17	" " " J Harry Perham Pedlars license		10.00
August	22	" " " " James W White Tax of 1867.		70.00
"	22	" " " " " " " " " 1868		400.00
"	24	" " " " " " " " " "		200.00
"	28	" " " " " " " " " "		600.00
Sept	5	" " " " " " " " " "		500.00
"	12	" " " " " " " " " "		200.00
"	14	" " " " " " " " " "		300.00
"	19	" " " " " " " " " "		200.00
"	23	" " " " " " " " " "		700.00
"	28	" " " " " " " " " "		1400.00
"	30	" " " " " " " " " "		1400.00
Oct	1	" " " for License of W L Stone		25.00
"	"	" " " Assessing Taxes in Dist 1-4-7-11		18.00
"	"	" " " J James W White Tax of 1868		8718.20
"	2	" " " " " " " " "		1054.18
"	"	" " " " " " " " "		1400.00
"	8	" " " " " " " " "		900.00
"	9	" " " " " " " " "		200.00
"	10	" " " " " " " " "		300.00
"	15	" " " for License of Collins Hathorn		50.00
"	16	" " " J James W White Tax of 1868		1100.00
Nov	3	" " " " " " " " "		700.00
"	6	" " " W L Stone Percentage on Sales of Liquor		238
"	12	" " " Interest On 5-20 U S Bond		30.00
"	"	" " " Premium on Gold		10.57

Nov	16th	By Cash recvd of James W White Tax of 1868,	$500,00
"	17	" " " for State Paupers	358,78
Dec	8	" " " State Aid	3250,00
"	"	" " " Corporation Tax	241381
"	"	" " " Co G 10 Regt M C M	96450
"	9	" " " of James W White Tax of 1868	100,00
"	19	" " " for Licens of Perkins Brothers	50,00
1869 Jan	6	" " " of James W White Tax of 1868	2000 00
"	6	" " " Wm L Stone Percentage on Sale of Liquors	619
"	6	" " " Collins Hathorn " " " " " "	400
"	12	" " " of City Treasurer for Paupers (Worcester)	411,00
"	25	" " " State Treasurer, School Fund	251,34
"	"	" " " James W White Tax of 1868	600,00
Feb	6	" " " State Treasurer for Armory rent	200,00
"	15	" " " E B Bigelow Tax of 1865	16,87
"	"	" " " Interest on Same	356
"	"	" " " James W White Tax of 1866	15,80
"	"	" " " " " " " " 1867	102,20
"	"	" " " " " " Int on Tax 1866 & 1867	38 35
"	"	" " " " " " Tax of 1868	1268.10
"	"	" " " " " " Int. on Same	7858
"	"	" " " W L Wood Highway Tax 1867	54
"	"	" " " A W Rice " " "	5,12
"	"	" " " J F Searle Liquor Agent	101,50
"	"	" " " C C Wood for use of Town Hall	176,00
			$40,738,47

Dr

To Paying Selectmens Orders	17.406.93
" " Interest on Town Bonds	1 580 00
" " " Joseph Adams Notes	1214,00
" Rent of Town Hall	500,00
" Money Borrowed	8000,00
" Interest on Money Borrowed	130,80
" County Tax	1682,63
" State Tax	3980,00
" Assessors Orders	97,20
" State Treas's Percentage on Sales of Liquor	6 28
" Joseph Adams Note	1400,00
" Interest on Same	10 50
" Joseph Adams Note	1000 00
" Int on Same	7 50
" State Aid	2204 00
" Town Bond No 1	1000,00

up

Cash On hand $ 1578,63

40, 728,47

Amount Received 40, 728,47
Amount Paid 39149.84
Balance on hand $ 1,578,63

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted —
Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 1st 1869—

A True Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant, and on Motion voted to Accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as Printed. which is as follows—

Report of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Grafton for the Year Ending March 1st 1869—

Receipts of the Town Farm for Year Ending March 1st 1869—

Cash received for Stock Sold	$ 674.05
" " " Produce Sold	183,17
" " " Milk Sold	624,33
" " " Wood & Lumber "	847,07
" " " Use of Inn & Team	207 85
" " from Town Treasurer	600,00
" The Estate	358,78
" Various Towns	161,50
" Estate of F. W. Paine	18,00
Cash On hand March 2d 1868	65,07
Total Receipts—	$ 3,739 82

Expenditures of Town Farm for Year Ending March 1st 1869

Cash Paid Agents Salary	$ 600,00
" " Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	470.45
" " for Stock, Provisions, Boarding clothing Repairs, Blacksmith, Medical attendance, and Other Contingent Expenses at the Farm	1444,08
" " " for Services of Overseers,	105 00
for Bills Unpaid in 1867 & 8	92 63
Expenses at the Farm	2,712,16

Expenditures Away from Farm

Cash Paid for relief granted Charles & Francis Terrill		$ 34,52
" Charles Fowler for Aiding Poor 1867 & 8		11,90
" Willis Works " " " " 1868		5,90
" relief granted Joshua Downing		5,31
Samuel Cisco		11,33
Delia French and Child		3,00
Hannah Johnson		104,28
Deborah Warren		56,00
John Aldrich		15,25
Charles M Sherman		13,00
Roland Cobb		104,75
Alexander Tift		19,43
Henry A Hitchins		11,05
John Jennings		30,87
J F Brooks Children		38,14
Mary Stone		24,00
Joel Flagg		30,83
Reuben Gassett		19,00
Augustus Rumick		15,00
M M Byron		20,00
Casmier Chase		3,00
James Cuddy		18,21
Eben Gates and Sisters		11,44
Henry Mason		5,00
Sarah Waters		4,50
Harriet Alexander		20,00
James Redman		5,00
Samuel A Hatton		42,04
Coffin for Mary Milo		10,00
" " Sarah McCune		10,00
Expense looking after Paupers.		25,13
Postage and Stationary		3,00
Total Expenditure away from Farm		736,91
Total Expenditure	$ 3,443,07	
Leaving a balance of Cash on hand	296,75	

Due from Sundry persons. for wood		$ 91,23
" " " " " Stock		313,01
" " " " " Milk		165,00
" " the State		123,71
" " Various Towns-		100,28
" " M. M. Byron		23,75
		$ 816,98

Inventory of Personal Property on hand Feb. 19th 1869 $ 4,744.60

$ 5,561.58

Total Assetts Excepting Real Estate $ 5,858.33
Amount On hand Feb 19th 1868 5,237.48
" Recived of Treasurer 600 00
" Interest On Real Estate 360.00 = 6,197.48

339.15

Whole number Supported or assisted on the farm during the year. 252 Number of weeks board 1,10. Number of persons at the Alms House 7. Died during the year 2 George T Clark and Roland Cobb — We have contracted with Mr and Mrs Landers to remain at the Town farm One year from April 1st 1869 at the Same Salary as the previous year. There will be due the Agent. April 1. 1869. $600.00

The Town farm consists of about 286 Acres of land and has On it 500 Cords of wood or more. has been Appraised at $6.000 and can be Sold for $ 8,000 or more

All of which is respectfully Submitted

S A Knowles. } Owners of
James G Putnam } the Poor of
Willis Works } Town of Grafton

A True Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk —

Took up the Sixth article in the Warrant.

The Report of the Collector of Taxes having been prepared and printed with Other Reports. the Collector Stated that Since that report went to press a number of persons which he named had paid their Taxes after which. the Report was Accepted as printed and as follows —

Collector's Report.

The Amount of Taxes. Committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to James W White, Collector for 1868 is as follows.

(1868 July 20th)	Town Grant	$ 18,000,00
	County Tax	1682 63
	State Tax	3980,00
	Non Resident Bank Shares	4064
	Highway Deficiency	5523
	Overlayings	12858
	Total	23,887,08

1868 July	22	Paid Treasurer	400 00
"	24	" "	200 00
	28	" "	600 00
Sept	5	" "	500 00
"	12	" "	200 00
"	14	" "	300 00
"	19	" "	200 00
"	23	" "	700 00
"	28	" "	1400 00
"	30	" "	1400 00
Oct	1	" "	8718 21
"	2	" "	1054 18
"	2	" "	1400 00
"	3	" "	900 00
"	7	" "	200 00
"	10	" "	300 00
"	16	" "	1100 00
Nov	3	" "	700 00
"	16	" "	500 00
Dec	9	" "	1000 00
1869 Jan	6	" "	2000
"	25	" "	600 00
Feb	15	" "	1268 10
		Total	22,940 49

Leaving an Amount of Taxes Uncollected of $946.59 against the following persons for the amount set against their respective names

Allen C B	5 18	Bigelow George M	2 00
Adams Mary J	1 27	Boynton Geo	2 --
Byron M M	15 69	Boynton Ambrose	2 00
Bruce William No 9	2 00	Cady H K Mrs	9 84
Brooks E B	40 16	Chase D D	15 17
Brooks Henry E	2 24	Corbin Samuel	2 00
Babcock A R	2 00	Corbin Monrod J	4 54
Burns Alanson E	2 00	Carter Sarah L	10 16
Bugbee Dexter	2 95	Carter William	2 00
Banner Joseph	2 00	Carter William H	2 00
Buxton Lewis	2 00	Claflin Charles	2 00
Baker John M	2 00	Clark John S	2 00
Brown Wm H	2 00	Clark Isaac	2 00
Bulger James	9 30	Cushing Abner	2 00
Bigham Phineas F	1 30	Carpenter Elliot	2 95
Burns Geo H	2 32	Connolly John	2 00

Corey Michael	200
Coyne Patrick	200
Carter Joseph	200
Curtis Salem W	200
Curtis S M	607
Capcroot Asa	224
Cunningham Martin	200
Cole William	200
Cummings Thomas	224
Congdon George L	200
Clayton Samuel	224
Clothier Paul	224
Dolan Patrick	224
Duncan Joseph B	200
Droogan Patrick	200
Ducatt Charles	200
Dolan Phillip	200
Dyett William	200
Dyett Anthony	200
Davis Olney	200
Denagy Charles	200
Dupery Peter	224
Daley James	200
Drake Lucy	2075
Dupery Edward	200
Emory Henry	200
Flynn Christopher	200
Fairfield Lewis	200
Fanning Robert	224
Ferry Hugh	200
Foote E N	1851
Forest Andrew	224
Fitzpatrick Thomas	2943
Flynn Daniel	200
Ford Levi J.	200
Flagg Charles A.	200
Fenton Truman P	224
Friend Horace	200
Fairbanks Daniel G	1928
Gilligan John	224
Gleason James	200
Grenon Lewis	200
Gauthier Octave	200
Gates William S	200
Grenough Francis	224
Gardner Oliver	224
Gifford George P	200
Gant Joseph H	200
Gay O. L.	200
Gardner John G.	200
Goodell Geo M	200
Holland Michael	200
Hathaway Salmon	2131
Haydn Eunice P.	381
Holbrook Henry	200
Hudson A. B.	1058
Horan Patrick	200
Jennings John	494
Jacobs Martin	200
Jillison J. H.	200
Johnson Alonzo	200
Johnson Henry G.	200
Jackson D. L.	605
Jourdan Charles E	200
Johnson H W	200
Jourdan Elliott E	200
King Thomas	224
Kelley Patrick	200
Keef Cornelius	200
Kearns Patrick	200
Kennedy Patrick 2	200
Kelley Charles	200
King Edward	200
Keith Royal A.	200
Kempton Wm B	4093
Lines John	200
Lemire Joseph	200
Lucas George	200
Lapan Alonzo	200
Labrie Lewis	200
Labrie Paul	200
Ladrece Andrew	200
Mitchell Henry M	200
Mackey George A	200
Mitchell C C	200
McCormic James	200

McKeon Francis	200	Rivers Andrew	200
Melo Leger	200	Riley Patrick	200
McFarland Christopher	200	Riley James	200
McCarty John	200	Rourke Patrick	224
Margerum F.C.	200	Roberts Alfred	225
Mimeham Dennis	224	Robinson Joshua	708
McHenry Jerry	200	Richards Charles	200
McTagele James	200	Read Thadeus Heirs	1143
McParlan John	200	Stacy Orin T	224
Munsey Patrick	200	Shelly James	200
Martell Damois	200	Sullivan John	200
Marsden Thomas	200	Snow Charles	796
Mitchell C.W.	200	Stratton Samuel A	224
Maxwell Joseph	200	Smith A.A.	200
Mason Augustus	200	Sibly Hiram	200
Norcrop Charles T	581	Sheehan Thomas	200
Nourse C.D.	200	Smith Amos	200
Nichols J.E.	200	Smith Henry H	200
O'Connor Thomas	200	Soutser John A.	7541
Odlum John	200	Smith Henry	200
Phelps John B	200	Snow Asa	200
Perkins Brothers	661	Smith Richard	200
Bland Austin	200	Stow Sarah J.	1657
Putnam Charles	200	Shyron Alx	200
Putnam Alonzo	200	Thayer Henry	224
Plouchy Paul	200	Till Alexander	200
Patro Joseph	200	Tebo Joseph	200
Prue Peter	200	Taft Luther	200
Pratt Luke C.	224	Turner C.C.	200
Pratt Luke G.	200	Taft Edward A	295
Pratt George B	200	Vaunculli Edmond	224
Penniman Charles A	200	Vaunculli Joseph 2	224
Peckham Henry A.	200	Vining A L	200
Pogue John	835	Wisson James	200
Pogue John 2d	200	Wilson Alex	200
Plympton Amos	200	White John	200
Proud Peter	200	Walcott Frederick	200
Plympton D W	200	Wood S H	200
Pck William G.	200	Waters Andrew	200
Parker Dr Henry	224	Whitlock L.S.	559
Prentice Henry	224	Young Alexander	200
Rock Anthony	200	Young Joseph	200
Ripley William W	200		

Non Residents

Congdon Sam'l G	8	89	Sadler John & Frank	2	54
Cornell Daniel	31	75	Pratt F. B.	4	13
Dolliver Joseph	1	27	Sadler E B		64
Fay John R	1	91	Sadler Levi (Heirs of)	3	81
Wade William Jr	5	08	Taft Deborah	79	69
Munson Norman &	12	11	Wesson Charles Heirs of	1	27

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted.
James W White Collector.

Grafton March 1st 1868

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Engineers as Printed which is as follows.— viz-

Chief Engineers Report.

Town of Grafton in Account with W D Wheeler Chief Engineer for Expenditures of the fire department for the Year Ending March 1st 1869-

Cr

By Cash received on Selectmens Orders $1,325,14

Dr

Rescue Engine Company No 1

Paid Services of 49 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1868	$291,26
" Care of Engine & Apparatus One Year	10 00
" for two Lanterns.	2 00
" J B Whites Bill	2 00
" B Newtons "	35
" C Mathons "	10,00
" Martin R Howes "	1,50
" John Jennings for watching fire	1,00
	$318,81

Emperor Engine Company No 2

Paid Services of 53 Men for Year Ending May 1 1868	350. 69
" Care of Engine and Apparatus One Year	10 00
" Geo E Mansfields Bill	1 13
" Wm T Barkers Bill	29 69

Paid Ezra Morses Bill	$2,00
" Hunneman & Cos Bill	57,50
" C Hathons Bill	10 00
	$ 461,01

Blackstone Engine Company № 3

Paid Services of 46. Men for Year Ending May 1st 1868	$294.68
" Care of Engine and Apparatus One Year	10,00
" E H Smith & Cos Bill	6,55
" S E Combs Bill	21,60
" E Fisher & Sons Bill	1,00
	$ 333,83

Hook and Ladder Company.

Paid Services of 28 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1868	$197,99
" Care of Carriage and Apparatus	5,00
" J G Dwyers Bill	9 00
	$211 99

Amount of Cash received $1325 14
Amount of Cash Paid 1325 14 -

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
W D Whelden Chief Engineer —

Grafton March 1st 1869
A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

8 Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the General School Committee as printed. (See Printed Report on file)

9 Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery Submitted their Report in writing which was accepted by Vote of the Town as follows -

RiverSide Cemetery in Account with
Rufus E Warren Treasurer

1868			
March 2d	By Cash On Hand		$ 203.74
" "	Rec of A T Wood		25390
June 13	" " S Bosworth for Lot		528
" "	" " " for Map		25
Oct 23	" " Mrs S F Champney for Lot 1911		

1868. Oct 23	By Cash Rec'd of	Drury & Howe for Lot Sold	$ 7,65
" Nov 2	" " "	William G Scandlin	9,99
" "	" " "	for 2 Posts - 2/-	100
1869 Feb 15	" " "	of S T Pierce for Lot	720
" "	" " "	William Place " "	912
" "	" " "	Hiram Sibley	450.
			$ 52,74

1868 July 2d	To Cash Paid	John Daniels $ 20,00
Oct 22	" " "	3000
1869 Jany 14th	" " "	2963
" "	" "	Silas Vinton 600
" "	" "	for Six days work 1300 = 9863
	(Leaving a balance on hand)	$ 423,11

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Rufus E Warren Treas'r

A Copy

James W White Town Clerk

10 Took up the Tenth Article in the Warrant, and on motion voted to pass over the Article for the present as the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery were not ready to report —

11 Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant, A motion was made by Tarrant S. Sherman that the Highways Townways and Bridges be repaired the Ensuing Year by a labor Tax and that a Highway Surveyor be Chosen in Each District.

An Amendment to the motion was Offered by A M Bigelow that the repairing of the Highways Townways and Bridges the ensuing Year be put in the hands of the Selectmen with Authority to Appoint an Agent or Agents - as they may think proper - and by vote the Amendment was carried —

12 Took up the Twelfth Article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to raise Eighteen Thousand Dollars to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year -

Voted to Appropriate One Thousand five hundred and thirty dollars ($1530,00) to pay the interest on the Town Debt for the Ensuing Year

Voted to Appropriate One thousand Eight hundred dollars. ($1,800.00) for the High School the Ensuing Year —

Voted to Appropriate Four thousand dollars ($4000.00) for Common Schools for the Ensuing Year-

Voted to Appropriate One Thousand five hundred dollars for the Fire department for the Ensuing Year

Voted to Appropriate Five Hundred Dollars for Rent of the Town Hall for the Year Ensuing —

Voted to Appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred dollars for Repairs of Highways Town ways and Bridges for the Ensuing Year-

Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the payment of Town Bond No 2 five percent.-

Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the payment of Town Bond No 1 Six percent. -

Voted to Appropriate the remaining three Thousand two hundred and Seventy Dollars. to defray Other Town Charges. and Expenses for the Ensuing Year

($600 — for library allowances appropriated)

13 Took up the Thirteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion it was Voted to Allow no Discount on Taxes the Ensuing Year. And that All Poll Taxes be collected on demand. And that All Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury On Or before the first day of October next. And that All Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be Subject to an addition of One percent per Month until paid and All legal cost for collecting

The Collector to pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him Collected Once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bills

Voted. to put up the Collecting of the Taxes at Auction to the lowest Bider which was accordingly done and taken By James W White at One percent.

2 Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot. chose James W White Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing who was duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall - Moderator

14 Took up the Fourteenth Article in the Warrant. which is To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead for the Ensuing Year - and on Motion it was Voted that they have the same as they had last Year - which was fixed last Year by the Selectmen -

15 Took up the Fifteenth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to Allow firemen Ten dollars for the Year Ensuing - and in like proportion for Shorter time of Service -

16. Took up the Sixteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion it was Voted to lay it On the Table for the present.

20 Took up the Twentieth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion of E B Bigelow it was Voted that the Town Abolish the School Districts therein -

17 Took up the Seventeenth Article in the Warrant. and On Motion Voted to Accept the "List of Names" prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year ensuing. which is as follows

Luke F Allen. Cyrus D Aldrich Joseph Adams
Jonas H Allen H P Brown Lewis H Bigelow.
George W Bradford. Jefferson Bellows John P Crosby
Hollis Chamberlin Simeon E Crombie Sullevan Dadmun
Lorin Davis. George M Dunn. J M Davenport.
Geo W Estabrook Winthrop Faulkner Samuel C Flagg
Hiram Fernald Ezekiel Fowler. Perley Goddard
Levi C Heywood Geo F Jourdan. S A Knowles
Levi N Leland Lawson Munyan John McClellan
F M Marble W L Munyan Alfred Morse -
Geo. K Nichols J S Nelson J P Newton.
D W Norcrop - Charles L Platt. James G Putnam
Simmes Packard J. E. Stowe Jesse H Smith
Oscar Stratton Leander Stockwell. Geo F Slocomb.

Silas Vinton J D Wheeler. C F Wheeler
C C Willis Henry Wesson Daniel Whitney 2d
Austin Whitney –

18 Took up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant
and on Motion Voted that the High School
be kept within the limits of Centre District
the Ensuing Year –

19. Took up the Nineteenth Article in the Warrant
and on Motion Voted to Authorise the Selectmen
to employ Some One to ring One of the Church
Bells in the Centre of the Town at Twelve
Oclock M. and at Nine Oclock P M for the
Ensuing Year.

21. Took up the Twenty first Article in the warrant –
and On Motion Voted to Authorise the Selectmen
to rent the Hears House and Fence around
the Cemetery at Farmingsville in Suitable
Order and cause the Same to be Painted –

22 Took up the Twenty Second Article in the Warrant
and on Motion Voted to Authorise the Selectmen
to do what in their Judgement may be needed
towards Ornamenting and improving the Old
Central Burying Ground northerly of the Tomb as
contemplated by this Article –

23 Took up the Twenty third Article in the Warrant
and on Motion Voted to refer the matter
contemplated by this Article to the Selectmen
to do as in their Judgement may be proper –

24th Took up the Twenty fourth Article in the Warrant
and On Motion Voted to accept the Report of the
Trustees of the Free Public Library as Printed and
that the Sum of three Hundred Dollars be appropri-
ated for the Current Expenses of the Library for the
Year Ensuing, and three hundred dollars for the
Purchase of New Books –

Library

25 Took up the Twenty fifth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Authorise the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town. Under the direction of the Selectmen -

. Voted to adjourn this Meting to Monday the 5th the day of April next. at One Oclock in the afternoon at the Town Hall

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 16th. 1869

Gilbert C Taft. was Sworn this day to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Assessor. By S D Hall Justice of the Peace

April 5th 1869. J H Wood was this day Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Assessor by J W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 5th 1869

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall pursuant to adjournment from the first day of March now last past. - the meting was called to Order by S D Hall. Moderator. and the following business was transacted - viz

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and on Motion of J D Wheler it was Voted to Choose three additional Members. to the Board of General School Committee. as follows. One for three Years. One for two Years. and One for One Year - Then By Ballot Chose W D Wheler. additional member of the board of General School Committee for three Years - . Accepted

By Ballot chose D Webster Norcrop. additional Member of the Board of General School Committee for two Years

By Ballot chose A. W. Rice additional member of the board of Genral School Committee for One Year who was present and accepted the Office

On Motion Voted to proceed to the choise of an Assessor in place of Jesse H Smith. who was chosen March 1st 1869 but declined Serving— Then by Ballot chose A W Rice Assessor who was present and accepted the Office and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by J W White Town Clerk

By Nomination at large chose. Stephen R White and John McLaughlin Field Drivers in place of H T Eddy and A J Hall who were chosen March 1st 1869 but declined Serving

By Nomination. chose Richard Odlam Jr Poundkeeper in place of. Benjamin Kingsbury who was chosen to that Office March 1st 1869 but declined Serving

By Nomination chose. S W Easton Benj^n Kingsbury and Jonas H Allen Juce Viewers in place of Geo Walcott Geo F Estabrook and Geo M Newton who were chosen to that Office March 1st 1869 but declined Serving

By nomination chose Sumner Dinsmore Sealer of Weights and Measures in place of Rufus E Warren who was chosen to that Office March 1st 1869 but declined Serving— Sumner Dinsmore was present and accepted the Office and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the same by J D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meeting—

On Motion of J D Wheeler it was Voted that the General School Committee forthwith take possession of all the School Houses. Land, apparatus and other property. Owned and used by the Several School Districts in Town, which said Districts might lawfully convey. and Appraise the same as the law directs—

Took up the Tenth article in the Warrant.
The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery. Submitted their annual Report which was accepted as follows

(up)

Report of Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetry.

By Cash on hand as per last Report.	$ 61.21
" " Recived of Sundry persons	52.87
	$ 114.08

Dr

To Cash Paid Sundry Persons,	$ 41.30
" Balance in Treasurers hands	72.78
	$ 114.08

L H Bigelow Treasurer

Grafton March 1st 1869
A Copy Attest.
James W White Town Clerk

On Motion Voted to dissolve this Meeting—
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 26th 1869

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this Evening the following persons were appointed to Office in accordance with a Vote of the Town passed March 1st 1869. and in compliance with the Statute in such case made and provided— viz

For Measurers of Wood and Bark.

James W White — Sworn April 28th 1869 by H F Wing Justice of the Peace
Ezekiel Fowler — Sworn April 30th 1869. by J W White Town Clerk
Geo R Brown
W L Munyan
F H Kelley
David Fisher
Adin B Davis

Weighers of Coal

Sam'l Harrington — Sworn April 28th 1869. By Town Clerk
Geo K Nichols — Sworn April 28th 1869 By Town Clerk
G C Taft
F H Kelley
Wm T Barker

Measurer of Sheepskin Leather

James W McKenzie

(over)

Engineers. Fire Department

Sullivan Dadmun
Geo H Rugg
S A Knowles
Silas Vinton
S E Comb
James W McKenzie
George F Slocomb
Augustus Forbush
John B White
Ezekiel Fowler
Geo F Jourdan
Silas E Howe

To all Persons to whom these presents shall come. Be it known that We Charles Snow and John H Carpenter, both of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Owners of adjoining Lands in Said Grafton, have this day made by Mutual agreement, a division of the Partition Fence between Said Lands. as follows to wit. The said Charles Snow his Heirs and Assigns are to build and forever maintain the Easterly half of Said Fence. And the Said John H Carpenter, his Heirs and Assigns are to build and forever maintain the Westerly half of Said Fence. Each to be done and maintained in a thorough and lawful manner - Witness Our Hands and Seals this twenty first day of May in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Nine -

Signed Sealed and Exchanged in Presence of James W White

Charles his + mark Snow L.S.

J H Carpenter L.S.

A True Copy received at 7h P M May 21st 1869
James W White Town Clerk

U S R $0.05.

U.S.R. $0.05

This Agreement made this first day of July in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty nine by and between John S Sweeny of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the first part and John A Sweetser of said Grafton of the Second part Witnesseth that the said party of the first part in consideration of the Covenants and Agreements of the said party of the second part hereinafter Contained, hereby covenants and agrees with the said party of the second part that he the said party of the first part will within One Year from the date hereof build and forever thereafter maintain a good and substantial Stone Wall of legal dimentions on the division line between lands of said parties as follows. Viz. On the Southerly End and on the Southerly half of the Easterly side of said Sweeneys North Easterly Lot so called being a lot of Land containing three Acres and forty three rods according to plan — In consideration whereof the said party of the second part hereby covenants and agrees with the said party of the first part that within One Year from the date hereof he the said party of the second part will build and forever thereafter maintain a good and substantial Stone Wall of legal dimentions, on the division Line on the Northerly half of the Easterly Side and on the Northerly End of said Lot. the centre of said walls to be builded by both of said parties to be on the division line of said lands — To the faithful performance of which we hereby bind Ourselves Our Heirs and Assigns forever — In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set Our hands and seals the day and year first above Written —

Executed in presence of
Samuel E Sweeny

John S Sweeny L S
John A Sweetser L S

A True Copy Received at 8h 15m A M August 25th A D 1869
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton August. 2d 1869

At a Meting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this Evening. for the purpose of Appointing an Agent to purchase. Intoxicating Liquors and Sell the Same within and on account of Said Town for. Medicinal. Chemical and Mechanical purposes - and no Other J. Frank Searle. was appointed. Said Agent at a Salary of two hundred Dollars per Annum

James W White was appointed Inspector of Petrolium -

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the second day of November next at nine O'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said Month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. And for a Councillor for the third Councillor District. And for a Senator for the second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester And for a Representative to represent the twelfth Representative District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.—

The votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and Unfolded On One Ballot, Or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate ballots as best Suits the Voter Each Vote to Specify the Officer Voted for—

The Polls will be Open to receive the votes for the above Officers at ten O'clock A M and may be closed at twelve O'clock M—

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting Herein fail not and make due return of this warrant with Your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid Given Under Our hands this twenty first day of October in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty nine—

W D Wheeler
Charles Fowler
H C Greenwood
Henry F Wing
} Selectmen of Grafton

(over)

Grafton November 2d 1869

I have Served the Foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed —

S D Hall. Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and Return

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 2d 1869.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton. qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Second day of November 1869 it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said Month. The Meeting was called to Order and the Warrant read by Willard D Wheeler, the Chairman of the Selectmen. and On Motion of James W White it was voted "that the Polls be Closed at three Oclock this afternoon. The Polls were Opened at ten Oclock in the forenoon. and kept Open until three Oclock in the afternoon, when the votes having been all given in and no Objection being made, the Polls were closed in accordance with the vote passed at the Opening of the meeting —

The votes given in were Sorted counted recorded. and declared in Open town Meeting as follows.

The Whole number of Votes for Governor was four hundred and five 405

William Claflin of Newton had two hundred and Eighteen votes — 218

Edwin M Chamberlin of Boston had One hundred forty two votes 142

John 2 Adams of Quincy had forty five votes . 45

The whole number of votes for Lieutenant Governor was four hundred and five 405

Joseph Tucker of Lenox two hundred and seventeen votes 217

James Chattaway of Springfield had One hundred and forty three votes- 143

Samuel O Lamb of Greenfield had forty five votes 45

The whole number of votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was Three hundred Sixty five 365

Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred and Eighteen votes 218

Stillman B Pratt of Randolph had One hundred forty seven votes 147

The Whole number of votes for Attorney General was Three Hundred Sixty Six 366

Charles Allen of Boston had two hundred and nineteen votes- 219

Charles Cowley of Lowell had One hundred forty seven votes- 147

The Whole number of votes for Treasurer was Three hundred and Sixty five 365

Jacob H Loud of Plymouth had Two Hundred Eighteen votes- 218

N W Stoddard of North Bridgewater had One hundred forty seven votes- 147

The whole number of votes for Auditor, was Three hundred and Sixty five 365

Charles Endicott of Canton had Two Hundred and Eighteen votes- 218

Charles J Goodwin of Haverhill had One hundred and forty seven votes- 147

The Whole number of Votes for Councillor for the Third Councillor District was three hundred Sixty four 364

Henry G Crowell of Boston Highlands had Two hundred Seventeen Votes- 217

C. A. Durfee of Holliston had One Hundred forty Seven Votes. 147

The whole number of Votes for Senator for the Second Worcester District was four hundred & nine 409

Charles A Wheelock of Uxbridge had Two hundred. Sixteen Votes- 216

Prescott West of Milford had One hundred Votes 100.

J. H. Wood of Grafton had ninety three Votes 93

The Whole number of Votes for County Commissioner for the County of Worcester was three hundred Sixty three 363

Velorous Taft of Upton had Two Hundred fifteen Votes 215

Thorndike Leonard of Grafton had One Hundred forty eight Votes 148.

The Whole number of Votes for Representative to represent the Twelfth District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next was 409

Thomas Rice of Shrewsbury had Two Hundred and Six Votes 206

Shrewsburys Vote for Rice was 145

351

Hiram Fernald of Grafton had Two Hundred and three Votes 203

Shrewsburys Vote for Fernald was 75

278

A. Rice 351

Fernald 278

73 Rices Majority

Election

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of March next at nine O'clock in the fore noon to Act on the following Articles to wit.

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting -

Art 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing -

Art 3d To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon

Art 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and Act thereon

Art 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and act thereon

Art 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon

Art 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and Act thereon

Art 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and a Act thereon -

Art 9 To hear the Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery and Act thereon

Art 10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and Act thereon

Art 11th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year -

Art 12th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make appropriations of the Same and act thereon -

Art. 13th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shal Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct. And determine when all Taxes shall be Collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon

(over)

Art 14th To See what Compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing year and Act thereon -

Art 15th To See what Compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year Ensuing and Act thereon -

Art 16th To See if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or Act thereon -

Art 17 To determine the place within the Town where the High School shall be kept the Ensuing year -

Art 18th To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M - and at 9 Oclock P M. or Act thereon

Art 19th To See if the Town will propose to the County Commissioners a certain Sum of money for Widening. Straitning. and for Special repairs - on the County Road from William Fisk's. to Upton line. instead of locating any new proposed route from Grafton Centre. or Act thereon in any other way. as petitioned for by A B Johnson & others

Art. 20th To See if the Town will recompense the Stewards of the Several Fire Companies. or Act thereon as petitioned for by T R Aylesworth and Others -

Art. 21st To See if the Town will Authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town or Act thereon

Art 22 To See what disposal the Town will make of the Money refunded on Account of Dog Licenses or Act thereon.

Art 23d To See if the Town will build a School House at Saunders Ville and make appropriations for the Same or Act thereon -

Art 24th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and Act thereon.

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant, by posting Up an Attested Copy, thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town. And at the Post Offices in New-England Village. Farnums ville, and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meting- as aforesaid-

Given under Our Hands this twenty third day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy.

W D Wheeler
Charles Fowler
H C Greenwood
Henry F Wing
S H Rugg
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 7th 1870

I have Served the Foregoing Warrant, by posting up an attested Copy, thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Office's in New England. Village. Farnums ville and Saunders-Village Seven days at least before the time of holding. Said meeting- as therein directed-

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy. Attest. James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs. Met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of March A D 1870. and transacted the following business viz—

First The Meeting was called to Order and the Warrant was read by James W White Town Clerk after which S. D. Hall was chosen by Ballot. Moderator and Rev Wm G. Scandlin Invoked the Divine Blessing

Second On Motion of E. B. Bigelow it was Voted that the
and 2 Votes for a Town Clerk Five Selectmen. a Treasurer Three Assessors. Three Overseers of the Poor. Two Geneal School Committee for three years. One Truster for Riverside Cemetery. One Truster for Pine Grove Cemetery. One Common Committee and Five Constables be brought in on One Ballot

Third On Motion of James W White it was Voted that the Polls for the Election of the above Officers be closed at One Oclock this afternoon—

Fourth At One Oclock in the afternoon All persons present having Voted who Expressed a desire to Vote and no Objection being made the Polls were closed the Votes Assorted and counted, and the following persons were declared Elected to Office as follows viz—

For Town Clerk. James W White had three hundred and thirteen Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by S D Hall. Moderator in Open Town Meeting.

For Selectmen

Henry F Wing — Sworn March 7th 1870 by S D Hall Moderator
George H Rugg Sworn March 7th 1870 by S D Hall Moderator
J H Wood (Declined Serving)
Joseph A Adams Sworn March 8th 1870 By S D Hall Justice of the Peace
C C Willis Sworn March 7th 1870 by S D Hall. Moderator

J H Wood declined Serving as one of the Selectmen. and by Ballot. W L Munyan was Elected one of the Selectmen and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator. in Open Town Muting -

For Treasurer Rufus E Warren was Elected - Sworn March Eighth by S D Hall Justice of the Peace.

For Assessors - Elected
Gilbert C Taft Sworn April 8th 1870. by J W White Town Clerk
A W Rice Sworn March 9th 1870 by James W White Town Clerk
S D Hall. Sworn March 7th 1870 by J W White Town Clerk

For Overseers of the Poor Elected
James G Putnam Sworn March 30th 1870 by J W White Town Clerk
Hollis Chamberlin Sworn April 11th 1870 by J W White Town Clerk
Stephen R White Sworn March 7th 1870 by J W White Town Clerk

For Gyural School Committee for three Years. Elected
Rev A J Bates
John Goodwin

For Truster of Riverside Cemetry Elected
Jona D Wheler

For Truster of Pine Grove Cemetery Elected
J H Allen.

For Common Committee Elected
George F Slocomb.

For Constables. Elected
S D Hall - Sworn March 7th 1870 by J W White Town Clerk
George R Newton. Declined.
Lucian B Drury. - Sworn March 11th 1870 By S D Hall justice of the Peace
E Fowler. Declins
Charles F Sisson - Declins

On Motion Voted to choose the remaining Town Officers by nomination at large -

On Motion Voted. to choose two Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing -

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Then by nomination Chose
Levi C Heywood declins
Levi T Benson declins
for Field Drivers for the Ensuing Yr

On Motion Voted to add three to the list of Field Drivers for the Ensuing Year. Then by nomination Chose
Tarrant S Sherman
F Worcester Sworn April 1st by S D Hall justice of the Peace
Truman P Fenton Sworn
Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to Choose three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing Then by nomination Chose
Rufus E Warren. declins
George M Newton declins
William Holbrook Sworn April 4th 1870 by S D Hall Moderator
Fence Viewers for the Ensuing Year

By nomination Chose Benjamin Kingsbury Pound Keeper for the Year Ensuing - declins

On Motion Voted to Choose two Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing Then by nomination Chose Reuben Taft Sworn March 7th 1870 By J W White Town Clerk
Wm T Barker declins
Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing.

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted that all remaining Town Officers to be Chosen which may by law be appointed. Shall be Appointed by the Selectmen

Took up the third Article in the Warrant. On Motion Voted to accept the Selectmens Report as printed which is in the following words and figures - Viz

Selectmen's Report

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 7, 1870 Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town—

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of said Town and find his Account correct and as follows—

Dr

To Cash received from All Sources as per Report of Treasurer		$14,304.33

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	Paid for Common Schools		$ 931,80
1869 March 8.	Paid Wm B Kempton for District No 7. Remainder of 1868 Appropriation		31.20
" Oct 4th	Paid Albancuren for District No 7.		26,39
May 14	" D W Norcrop for Common Schools		100,00
July 1	" J H Windsor for Printing		6,50
Sept 2	" D W Norcrop for School House repairs		200,00
Oct 4	" W D Wheeler " "		156,95
" "	" D W Norcross. Sundry Bills for School House repairs. Fuel &c.		1000,00
Oct 19	" D W Norcrss. repairs on School House		980.82
Nov 25	" " " " " Dist No 3		87,88
24	" " " " Repairs on School Houses		76,70
Dec 13	" " " " Common Schools & repairs		351,66
1870 Feb 12	" " " " " " "		179,22
			$ 3,197,32

High School

1869 March 3	Paid Edward Malley. Teacher		$ 330,00
" 15	" H O Slocomb Care of house last Year		21,00
" 29	" Jane E Warren Assistant Teacher		168,00
June 19	" Edward Malley Teacher		325,00
" 21	" Geo H White Care of House		20,00
" "	" Jane E Warren Assistant Teacher		154,00
Nov. 13	" Edward Malley. Teacher		366,00
" "	" Jane E Warren Assistant Teacher		146,40
" 16	" Frank T Pierce care of House		16,60
1870 Feb 23	" R Taft. Repairing Settees		7,37
" "	" J C Jones labor and Paint		3,10
			$ 1,589,47

Fire Department

1869 April 26.	Fa	D G Fairbanks	Use of Horse	$ 4,00
May 8	"	Geo F Slocomb	Chief Engineer	1518,15
Oct 12	"	" " "	"	100,00
1870 Feb 23	"	" " "	"	157,86
				$ 1780,01

March 15.	"	S A Knowles	Services as Assessor in 1868	$ 35,00
Oct 22	"	J H Wood	services as Assessor in 1869	28.00
1870 Feb 23	"	A W Rice	" " " "	30,00
Jan 3	"	G C Taft	" " " "	9150
Feb 16	"	S D Hall	" Constable	16,00
" 23	"	James W White	Collecting Taxes 1867 & 1868	680
" "	"	" " "	" " 1869	399,18
" "	"	" " "	Extra Writing	1400
" "	"	" " "	Recording births deaths & Marriages	4450
" "	"	" " "	Valuation 1869	2500
" "	"	" " "	Express Postage &c. as per Bill	4239
				$ 732,37

1869 March 5	"	F N Hall	Services as Sexton	$ 13,30
" 15	"	L H Bigelow	" " "	41 00
May 27	"	James Gleason	" " "	32,80
Aug 20	"	" "	" " "	20,50
Dec 3	"	" "	" " "	28,70
1870 Feb 7	"	L H Bigelow	" "	69,70
" 23	"	James Gleason	" "	5370
" "	"	F N Hall		3060
				$ 292,30

1869 Feb 23.	"	R E Warren	paying State Aid	$ 50,00
May 7	"	W Faulkner	mdse to Hall	6 28
July 10	"	J W White	care of Hall to July 1	33,33
				39,61

1869 March 5	"	R E Warren	Printing Town Reports	12,15
1870 Jan 3	"	G C Taft	Stationary for Assessors	12,40
Feb 23	"	J W White	" " Office	6,75
				$ 91 30

1869	Apl. 12	Pd A H White ringing Bell & Repairs	$ 21 08
	Sept 25	" L W Dodge Cover for Cistern	9,65
	" 29	" Benj^a Kingsbury labor & on Old Burying Ground	52,71
	" 30	" L Farwell repairing Aqueduct	10,00
	Oct 4	" A H White ringing Bell	25,00
	" "	" W D Wheeler Belcoop & Petrolium Asst Apparatus	12,62
	" 26	" Charles Fowler. Painting Hearse House and fence at Farmums Ville	108,70
1870	Jan 31	" L F Smith Damage on Acct of defect in Highway	25 00
	Feb 23	" James W White Bids & repairs for Locusts	1535
			$ 277,01

1870			
Feb 23	Pd James W White.	Coal for Hall & Office	70,53
"	" " "	Oil " " "	37,33
"	" " "	Care of Hall to Jany 1st	25 00
			$ 132,86

1869			
April 12.		A J Bates Services as School Committee	$ 63,25
"	" "	Gilbert Robbins " " "	66 00
"	" "	John W Bigelow " " "	75,00
			$ 194 25

1869			
Oct. 28th	"	J. F. Searle Liquor Agent.	600.00
1869			
June 12.		W D Wheeler balance due on Bridge at Farmums Ville	300,00
1870			
Feb 7th	"	W D Wheeler. Plank for Bridge at Fishers Ville	132 00
			$ 432 00

1869			
Aug 25	"	J F Searle and Others. Services for Co G.	$ 438. 20
Sept 29	" " "	Camp fund for Co G 10 Regt M V M	1160,00
Oct 25.		Members of Co G 10 Regt M V M. Camp duty at Springfield	765 00
			2363 20

1869			
Oct 7.		J G Putnam for State Paupers.	$ 49.14
Nov 23.	"	Overseers of the Poor	400,00
1870 Feb 23		" " " "	57 93
			$ 507. 07

1869	April 12	L H Bigelow Shoveling Snow	$ 320	
"	" "	Willis Works " "	740	
	July 13	J G Putnam Breaking Roads	1645	
"	"	F Worcester " "	400	
1870	Feb 23	A W Rice " 690 R E Wann do 952=1642		$ 47,47

Paid repairs on Highways		$ 3,389.56
1869		
Oct 4 " H F Wing Incidental Expenses of Library		$300.00
Dec 9 " " " " for Library Books		300 00
		$ 600,00
1870 Feb 23 Services of Selectmen 1869		200.00
Total Amount of Selectmen's Orders		20,437,60
Other Sums paid by Treasurer as per his rept.		22 879 01
Total Amt Paid		$ 43,316 61

Amt received	$ 44 304.33
Amt paid	43 316 61
In hands of Treasurer	$ 987,72

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds bearing interest at 5 per cent	20,000 00
" " " " 6 "	7,000,00
Due Benj Heywood on Act in the School Dist	1 000,00
Accrued Interest	201 00
Due Agent of Town Farm	600,00
Due High School	588,00

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes for 1868	$ 314,97
" " " 1869	1,262,13
United States 5-20 Bond	1000,00
Town Farm & Buildings	6000,00
Personal Property On Farm	5479,96
3 Fire Engines & Fixtures	2000 00
Hook & Ladder Carriage	300,00
3 Engine Houses & Land	2350,00
High School Building & Land	4000,00
Lock Up	500,00
Hearse House	400,00
Furniture & Fixtures in Hall	300,00
Due from State for State Aid	297,03
" " " " Rent of Armory	83.33
Cash items in hands of Overseers of the Poor	270,41
School Houses and Land	16,000 00
Amt in hands of Treasurer	987,72

We respectfully Submit the following Estimate for which the Town Should provide by Tax or Otherwise in 1870. Viz.

Interest On Town Debt	$ 1,480,00
Appropriation for High School	1,800,00
Appropriation for Common Schools	5000,00
Fire Department	1500,00
Rent of Town Hall	500,00
Repair of Highways	3,000,00
Town Bond No 3 — 5 percent	1,000,00
Note to Benjamin Heywood	5000
New Bridge at Fiskville	800,00
New School Houses & Repairs	7,000,00
Other Town Charges and Expenses	3420,00
	$ 26,000,00

At the following named places Guide Boards are Erected and Maintained within the Town Viz.
At the corner of the roads near Warren Block, near J D Wheelers, near Silas Bintons, near William Wallaces, near Edward Fakeys Barn, northerly of the residence of George F Jourdan, near the Indian burying ground, near Farnums Hill School House near the House of A Morse, near Jefferson Billows near Farnums Hill Depot, near Charles McNamaras near William Holbrooks, near H T Eddys, near Saunders Store, near J McClellans, at the corner of the roads north east from L W Brighams, near Charles Daniels, at Each of the corners northerly of the Old burying ground, near Quinsigamond House N E Village, near Widow H B Fairbanks near the Dexter Hathaway Place, near the House on Town Farm, near Meeting House N E Village, near J W Putnams northerly of the House of J E Young, near Joseph Kimballs, at two places between the last named places, near Widow H J Pratts near Capt Benjamin Aldrichs near Henry Wissons On the Barn of B W Fay, near L N Lelands Westerly of George Dunns, near John O Keefs near Joseph Bruces, near the House of W A Fiske near the House of Benjamin Kingsbury.

All of which is respectfully Submitted

W D Wheeler Charles Fowler H C Greenwood
Henry F Wing, George H Rugg.
Selectmen of Grafton.

Took up the Fourth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Accept the Town Treasurers Report as printed and circulated. which is in the following words and figures. viz-

Treasurers Report.

Town of Grafton in Account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer

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1869				
March	1st	By Cash On hand as per record		$ 1,578.63
	22	" " of James W White Collector for 1868		200.00
April	8	" " " " " " "		150.00
	26	" " of Collins Hathon		2.00
May	1	" " " W L Stone		6.30
"	"	" " " Perkins Brothers		16.00
"	3	" " " Mechanics Savings Bank		2000.00
"	5	" " " W L Stone		3.02
"	6	" " " Collins Hathon		2.00
"	"	" " Interest on U S 5-25 bond		30.00
"	"	" " Premium On Gold		10.76
June	15	" " of W D Wheeler		1000.00
"	23	" " Allen & Flagg		3000.00
July	10	" " J W White Collector for 1868		150.00
"	23	" " R E Warren		1000.00
Aug	13	" " " J W White Collector for 1869		300.00
"	21	" " " State Treasurer for Paupers		49.14
	26	" " J W White Collector for 1869		250.00
Sept	2	" " " " " " "		200.00
"	3	" " " " " " "		300.00
"	4	" " " Harvey Perham for Peddlers License		10.00
"	10	" " " J W White Collector for 1869		300.00
"	16	" " " " " " "		400.00
"	20	" " " " " " "		300.00
"	23	" " " " " " "		600.00
"	25	" " " " " " "		1300.00
"	27	" " " " " " "		400.00
"	28	" " " " " " "		500.00
"	29	" " " " " " "		800.00
"	30	" " " " " " "		2000.00
Oct	1	" " " " " " "		10,000.00
"	2	" " " " " " "		1000.00
"	4	" " " " " " "		700.00
"	6	" " " " " " "		1200.00
"	9	" " " " " " "		600.00

Carried Forward

Oct. 15.	Cash of	J W White Collector for 1869.	$ 200,00
" 16	"	" " " " " "	100.00
" 20	"	" " " " " "	200.00
" 23	"	" " " " " "	300.00
" 30	"	" " " " " "	300 00
Nov 1	"	" " " " " "	200.00
" 2	"	" " " " " "	100 00
" 4	"	" " " " " "	1,000,00
" 6.	"	State Treasurer Military Bounty & Supplies	159820
" "	"	Interest on U S 520 bonds	30.00
" "	"	Premium On Gold	600
" 13	"	of J W White Collector for 1869.	100.00
" 22	"	" " " " " "	300.00
" 30	"	" " " " " "	200,00
Dec 7.	"	" State Treasurer. Corporation Tax	2,122,08
" "	"	" " State Aid	2000,00
" "	"	" " Military	765,00
" 13	"	" J W White Collector for 1869.	600,00
1870 Jan 7	"	" " " " " "	400.00
" 26	"	" State Treasurer School Fund	27226
Feb. 7.	"	" B & Albany R R Co for grading	70,00
" "	"	" J O'Neil. Auctioneers Licens	2,00
" 10	"	" County Treasurer Dog Fund	190,41
" 19	"	" State Treasurer rent of Armory	175,00
" "	"	" " Corporation Tax	4,05
" 23	"	" James W White Collector for 1867.	1553
" "	"	" " " " " " 1868	131,62
" "	"	" " " " " " Interest on Same	31,67
" "	"	" " " " " " 1869	1437.03
" "	"	" " " " " " Interest on Same	88,53
" "	"	" " " " Rent of Town Hall	272,50
" "	"	" C C Wood " " " "	40.60
			$ 44,304,33

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To paying		Selectmens Orders	$ 20,437.60
"	"	Interest on town bonds	1,530,00
"	"	Bond No 2 - 5 percent	1000.00
"	"	" No 1 6 percent	1000,00
"	"	Rent of Town Hall	500.00
"	"	School District Notes	1975 00
"	"	Interest on Same	149 34
"	"	Money Borrowed	7,000,00
"	"	Interest On Same	149.70

Over.

To Paying	County Tax	$ 2,243,57
" "	Bank Tax of Non-residents 1868	40 64
" "	" " " " 1869	35 78
" "	State Tax	4,975,00
" "	State Aid	2,136,33
" "	Abatements on Taxes	129,33
" "	State Treasurer percentage on Liquor Sales	14,16
		$ 43,316,61

Amt received $ 44.304.33.
Amt paid 43,316,61
$,987,72

All of which is respectfully Submitted
Rufus E Warren Treasurer
Grafton March 7th 1870

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant -
The Overseers of the Poor having caused their Report to be printed and circulated with the Other Reports. On motion Voted that the Overseers report be recommitted with instructions to make a more detailed report and present the same to the Selectmen.

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant. The Collector of Taxes having caused his Report to be printed with the Others moved to Amend the Same so that in place of "Town Grant" $"1800,00" it Shall read "Town Grant $18,000,00". which amendm was carried and the report accepted as printed and amended as follows

Collectors Report.

The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to James W White Collector for 1869 is as follows -

1869 July 31st	Town Grant	$ 18,000,00
	County Order	2,243,57
	State Order	4975,00
	Non Residents Bank Shares	57,98
	School Houses	16,175,00
	Overlayings	188,89
	Taxes Assessed after Bill committed	50,00
	Total	$ 41,684,38
Amt to be remitted to School Dist		13,135,25
Amt to be paid Treasurer		$. 28.549.16

1869 Aug	13.	Amount Paid	Treasurer	300,00
"	26	"	"	250,00
Sept	2	"	"	200,00
"	3	"	"	300,00
"	10	"	"	300.00
"	16	"	"	400.00
"	20	"	"	300,00
"	23	"	"	600.00
"	25	"	"	1300.00
"	27	"	"	400,00
"	28	"	"	500.00
"	29	"	"	800.00
"	30	"	"	2,000.00
Oct	1	"	"	1,500.00
"	"	"	"	7,600 00
"	"	"	"	1 600.00
"	2	"	"	1 000,00
"	4	"	"	700,00
"	5	"	"	1200.00
"	9	"	"	600,00
"	15	"	"	200,00
"	16	"	"	100.00
"	20	"	"	200.00
"	23	"	"	300.00
"	30	"	"	300.00
Nov	1	"	"	200.00
"	2	"	"	100,00
"	4	"	"	1,000.00
"	13	"	"	100.00
"	22	"	"	300,00
"	30	"	"	200,00
Dec	13	"	"	600,00
1870 Jan	1	"	"	400,00
Feb	23	"	"	1437,03

Whole Amt Paid Treasurer 27,287,03

Whole Amt remitted 12,547,46

Leaving Amount of Taxes Uncollected of $1849.76-
with an Amount to be remitted on the same to the
the following persons of $387.76-

over

	Tax	Remd			Tax	Remd
William Allen	200	0 46		James Dunn	200	70
Newman C Allen	200	46		Abram Duane	200	68
Nelson Alfred	200	68		Peter Dorsey	200	
John Arnold	200	70		George Dunn	200	70
Sawyer Austin	200	70		Michael Dwyer	1120	392
Lewis Buxton	200	70		Henry Emory	200	68
Lewis Baker	200	68		Daniel G Fairbanks	3098	1053
E B Brooks	7284	2476		Dr D M Fulton	1005	341
Marcus M Byron	2500	850		George Fuller	200	68
Halloway Bartlett	200	68		Summer Flagg	200	68
A C Boyd	200	68		Levi J Ford	200	70
Geo H Bundy	9975	3391		Mark Fanion	200	68
Wm F Brabrook	200	68		Thomas Fitzpatrick	5399	1849
James Brown	706	247		Saml C Flagg 2d	200	70
John Bell 2	200	70		Charles E Farrington	200	70
Phineas F Bigham	1327	2010		Curtis Forbush	5456	2728
Dexter D Ball	200	70		Joel Forbush	200	100
Sylvanus Bosworth	430	150		Christopher Flynn	200	70
Edward Brewer	200	70		John Flynn	200	70
Joseph Beauretto	200	70		James Fanning	200	70
John Billy	200	70		George E Gifford	200	46
Cassimer Balcom	200	70		James H Gibson	200	68
Richard Barns	200	70		James Gibson	200	68
Elliot Carpenter	373	81		William S Gates	200	68
Sarah L Carter	1840	625		Lewis Gurtine	200	70
David Chase	200	68		John Gallier	200	70
Samuel Corbin	430	146		Alex Gauthier	200	70
Munroe J Corbin	200	68		Octave Gauthier	200	70
H K Coley	1983	674		M Goodness	200	98
William S Crosier	200	68		Charles Henderson	200	68
Francis Couthier	200	68		James Harrington	200	68
Patrick Coyne	200	00		George Harvey	200	68
Thomas Cahill	430	00		Isaac E Harrington	200	68
Alex Cuthbertson	315	110		William Harrison	200	68
Lewis Carter	200	70		Joseph Holland	200	
Patrick Currain	315	110		A B Hudson	1753	382
E E Collins	200	70		Xavier Hood	200	70
Michael Casey	2960	1037		John Hitchins	890	304
Maurice Casey	200	70		O C Holden	200	70
Felix Corry	200	70		Arthur Hennessy	200	
Frank Carroll	4662	1631		Alonzo Johnson	200	68
Solomon Carroll Estate	9890	3461		Henry G Johnson	268	68
H R Davis	200	68		Thomas Jones	200	70
Peter Dugnet	200	68		Mr Jubo	200.	

Joseph S Knowles	32	71	1112	Peter Pellican	2	00		
Patrick Kearnes	2	00	68	Joseph Porter, Estate of	6	33	22	
Thomas Kelly	94	24	2054	Luke C Pratt	2	00	7	
James Kelley	2	00		George B Pratt	2	00	7	
Abram W Kempston	2	00	70	John Pogue	13	50	47	
John L Kempston	48	23	1688	Dr Henry Parker	2	00	7	
John Kane	2	00	70	Otis B Pratt	2	00	7	
Cornelius Kelly	2	00	70	Peter Prout	2	00	7	
Daniel Kelley	2	00	70	John Pierce	5	91	128	
Wm B Kempston	73	76	1608	Albert W Pike	3	15	68	
Welcome Lee	3	15	107	Charles Perry	2	00	70	
Vitan Lovely	2	00	68	D W Plympton	2	00	70	
Charles Langlois	2	00	68	John Quinn	2	00	43	
Triffle Lovely	2	00	—	Antoine Rock	2	00	68	
Joseph Lanier	2	00	70	William Redford	2	00	68	
Albert Ladock	2	00	70	William H Ripley	2	00	68	
Timothy Leedy	2	00	70	Patrick Riley	2	00	68	
Joseph W Lekand	2	00	70	James Roberts	2	00	68	
Patrick Leyden	8	90	311	John Rabidou	2	00	68	
Mary Leyden	13	80	483	Joshua Robinson	11	66	408	
W B Lincolyn	2	00	—	Alfred Roberts	2	00	70	
Alfred Mackey	2	00	68	Patrick Rourke	2	00	70	
Henry C Monroe	2	00	68	Runnel Racine	2	00	70	
F C Margrum	2	00	68	Anthony Richards	3	38	118	
Peter McTiver	2	00	68	Hannah Scott Estate	69	00	3850	
Henry McAchell	2	00	68	Henry Staples	2	00	111	
Dennis Minehan	2	00	—	Thomas Sharkey	2	00	43	
James Minehan	2	00	—	Joseph K Snow	8	33	283	
Thomas Martin	2	00	70	Philo Stacy	2	00	68	
Edward Merritt	2	00	70	A J Smith	89	40	3039	
Nicholas Murphy	2	00	70	Charles R Stanton	2	00	68	
Alfred Marsh	2	00	70	Lucian Smith	2	00	68	
E N Norcrop	13	50	458	James Stott	2	00	68	
Peter Nafin	16	95	593	James Shirry	2	00	68	
George B Olin	2	00	70	Thomas Shehan	2	00		
Richard K Pratt	2	00	111	John Shehan	2	00		
Henry Prentice	2	00	40	Michael Shehan	2	00		
Alonzo Putnam	2	00	40	Henry H Smith	2	00	70	
Henry A Peckham	2	00	68	Israel Stockwell	2	00	70	
Frank Peron	2	00	68	Dennis Slyne	3	15	110	
Asa Plue	2	00	68	Henry Thayer	2	00	68	
Austin Plue	2	00	68	C C Tucker	1	15	57	
Jacob Parent	2	00		C M Vinson	11	20	259	
Esek Place	2	00		Peter Vincent	2	00	68	

	Tax		Rent	
Anna B B Brinson	2	88	1	11
Binojah Wadsworth	2	00	1	11
Franklin Worcester	191	52	41	75
Samuel H Wood	2	00		68
Alexander Wilson	2	00		68
John Williams	2	00	1	00
Non Residents				
Frederick Allen	18	40	6	25
B & A R R Co.	9	20	2	13
Wm Howe Jr	9	20	3	15

	Tax		Rent	
Thomas Walker	2	00	1	00
Calvin Wesson	15	80		
Ford Walcott	2	00		70
Joseph Whitney	2	00		70
Patrick White	2	00		70
J E Young	133	45	30	96
Non Residents				
C T Norcross	6	90	1	60
E B Sadler	1	15		57
Nathan Aldrich	6	75		

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

James W White Collector

Grafton March 7th 1870—

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to accept the Engineers Report as printed. which is in the following words & figures

Chief Engineers Report.

Town of Grafton in Account with

George F Slocomb for Expenditures for the Fire Department for Year Ending March 7th 1870

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By Cash received on Selectmens Orders $ 1776,01

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Rescue Engine Company No 1

Paid Services of 39 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1869	$ 380,00
" Care of Engine and Apparatus 1 Year	10 00
" Caleb Woods Bill	2,60
" Geo W Estabrooks Bill	9,92
" H F Allens Bill	14 42
	$ 416,94

Emperor Engine Company No 2

Paid Services of 48 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1869.	$ 419,18
" Care of Engine and Apparatus. One Year	10,00
" Wm T Barkers Bill	14,78
" S A Knowles Bill	6,50
" E Moores Bill	4,00
	454,46

Blackstone Engine Company No 3.

Paid Services of 47 Men for the Year Ending May 1st 1869	$ 127,53
" Care of Engine and Apparatus One Year	10,00
" Graton & Knights Bill	12,50
" I E Combs Bill	7,22
" E Fisher & Sons Bill	4,20
" Oil	3,00
	$ 464,45

Hook and Ladder Company—

Paid Services of 26 Men for the Year Ending May 1st 1869.	$ 241,66
" Care of Carriage and Apparatus One Year	5,00
	$ 246,66
" Geo H. Bundys Bill Feb 27th 1869	50,00
" Geo F Jourdans Bill	57,57
" Hunnemans Bill	84,50
" Richard Longs Bill	6,25
" Peter Conroys Bill	2,00
	193,50

Amount of Cash Received $ 1,776,01
Amount of Cash Paid 1776,01—
All of which is Respectfully Submitted—
George F Slocomb Chief Engineer
Grafton March 7th 1870—

Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to accept the Report of the General School Committee as printed and distributed, for which see printed Copy on file—

Took up the Ninth Article in the warrant. The Trustes of Riverside Cemetry Submitted their Annual Report which was Accepted as follows

Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetry by R E Warren Treas—

1869 March 1 By Cash on hand as Reported	$ 423 11
" " For lots Sold	30 34
" " Wood Sold	40 50
	$ 513,95
" For Cash paid for work on Cemetry	117,93
	$ 396,02

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Rufus E Warren Treasurer
Grafton March 7th 1870

Took up the tenth Article in the warrant. The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery submitted their Report which was accepted as follows—

"The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery present the following as their Report for the Year Ending March 7th 1870.

Amt of Money Rec'd	$85 53
Amt paid for improvements	4,975
Balance in Treasurers Hands	$35,78

L H Bigelow Treasurer"—

The Reports of J F Searle as Book Agent, and as Liquor Agent— The Report of the Committee on the Grafton Common, and the Report of the Trustees of the free public Library having been severally printed with the Other Reports were Each accepted by the Town as printed, although there was no article in the warrant for that Special purpose—

Took up the Eleventh article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to put the repairing of the Highways, Town ways, and Bridges into the hands of the Selectmen for the Ensuing Year—

Took up the Twelfth article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to raise Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (26,000.00) to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year. ——— J. H. Chickering moved that this Sum be Assessed and collected according to the Revised Statutes of Massachusetts— after Some discussion J D Wheeler moved an amendment to Mr Chickerings Motion by adding "and that all Town Business be done according to law"

The question being taken on the amendment it was carried in the Affirmative. The question then being taken on the Motion as amended, it was Carried in the Affirmative

Reconsidered March 14th 70

On Motion Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Eight hundred dollars (1,800.00) for High School, the Ensuing Year—

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (5000.00) for common Schools the Ensuing Year -

On Motion. Voted to Appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for repairs on Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year -

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Six Hundred Dollars for the Free Public Library. three hundred dollars for Books. and three hundred dollars for incidental Expenses.

On Motion Voted to pass over the twelfth Article for the present —

Took up the Thirteenth article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Allow no Discount on Taxes the Ensuing Year. And that All Poll Taxes. be collected on demand. And that All Taxes be Collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the First Day of October next - and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be Subject to an Addition of One percent per month until paid. and all legal cost for collecting. The Collector to pay Over to the Treasurer All money by him collected Once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bill - -

On Motion. Voted to fix the compensation of the collector by putting the Collecting of the Taxes up at Auction to the lowest Bider - which was accordingly done. James W White bid One percent. Barnabas Newton bid Seven Eighths of One percent. and Sumner Dinsmore bid Three fourths of One percent. and no One offering to collect the Taxes for less than Three fourths of One percent. it was Struck off at that price -

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot Chose James W White Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing. the Vote being for James W White thirty Six. (36) for B Newton. Three (3) S Dinsmore three (3) — James W White was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Collector of Taxes - by S D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meeting -

A motion was made to reconsider the vote whereby the compensation of the Collector of Taxes was fixed by putting the Collecting of the Taxes up at Auction to the lowest bider. and to fix the compensation of the Collector at One percent -

The vote being taken upon the motion was declared by the Moderator Carried in the Affirm-ative - The vote was doubted by Some One and upon being taken. the Second time was clearly carried in the Affirmative -

Took up the Fourteenth article in the Warrant and on motion voted that the compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead be the Same as last Year - which was fixed by the Selectmen

Took up the Fifteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion voted that the compensation of Firemen be the Same as last Year which was - ten dollars for the Year, and in like proportion for a Shorter term of Service -

Took up the Sixteenth Article in the Warrand on The Selectmen presented a "List of Names prepared by them to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing. Luke F Allen moved to amend the list by Erasing his Own Name and Substituting that of E F Chamberlin which Motion was by vote carried in the Affirmative and the List as Amended accepted as follows -

Cyrus D Aldrich Joseph Adams. Jonas H Allen
H P Brown. Geo W Bradford. John P Crosby.
Simeon E Crowe Richard R Crane E F Chamberlin
Sullivan Dadmun George M Dunn John M Davenport
Geo W Estabrook Samuel C Flagg. Ezekiel Fowler
Alvah Foote George F Jourdan. Levi N Leland -
Lawson Munyan John McClellan F M Marble
James W McKenzie George K Nichols J P Newton
Charles L Pratt James S Putnam Sumner Packard -
Silas E Stowe Jesse H Smith Oscar Stratton
Leander Stockwell Geo F Slocomb. Silas Vinton
J D Wheeler E F Wheeler C C Willis Henry Wesson Daniel
Whitney 2d D Austin Whitney Rufus E Warren -

Took up the Seventeenth Article in the Warrant, on on Motion Voted that the High School be kept the Ensuing Year in the Centre of the Town -

Took up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at twelve Oclock M - and at nine Oclock P.M. the Ensuing Year -

Took up the Nineteenth Article in the Warrant, and On Motion of E Saunders it was Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to Examine the road refered to in this Article and report at an adjourned Meeting what repairs are necessary.

Took up the Twentieth Article in the Warrant, and On Motion of Aaron Elliot it was voted to pay the Stewards of the Several Engine Companies Twenty dollars for the care of the Engines, apparatus &c. one Year - Also to pay the Steward of the Hook and Ladder Company ten dollars for the care of Carriage Apparatus &c one Year -

Took up the Twenty first Article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town under the direction of the Selectmen

Took up the Twenty Second Article in the Warrant and on Motion of J K Axtell it was voted that the money refered to in this Article be appropriated to the Free Public Library -

Took up the Twenty third Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that a Committee of Three be appointed by the Moderator to take the matter refered to in this Article into consideration, procure Plans and Report at an adjourned Meeting - Ezek Saunders A M Bigelow and W D Mulen were appointed said Committee and accepted by vote of the Town -

On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to April 4th 1870 at two Oclock P. M. - A True Record. James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 4th 1870

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at two Oclock P.M. pursuant to adjournment from March 7th 1870 and transacted the following business viz.

The Muting was called to Order at two Oclock P.M by S.D Hall Moderator. The Records of the last meting was read by the Town Clerk (except that portion contained in the Printed Reports of the Several Town Officers which by Vote of the Town he was permitted to pass Over without reading)- after which On motion Voted to reconsider the Vote passed March 7th 1870 On motion of J. H. Chickering. Amended On Motion of J D Wheler relating to "Assessing and Collecting Taxes according to the "Revised Statutes of Massachusetts and doing all Town business according to Law".

Records of the last Muting were then Approved-

Took up the Fifth Article in the Warrant. The Oversers of the Poor having Amended their Report in accordance with a Vote of the Town passed the Seventh day of March last past. Presented the Same which was accepted by the Town as follows-

"An Account of the Personal Property at the Town Farm in Grafton for the Year Ending March 15th 1870

27	Head of Cattle	$ 1744,00
1	Horse	175 00
23	Tons of Hay	407 00
	Straw and Hushs	86 00
2	Waggons & Harnesses	160,00
1	Sleigh	20,00
14	Hens	14,00
5	Ploughs	45,00
	Cultivator & Harrow	20,00
3	Ladders	15,00
4	Ox Yokes	16,00
2	Ox Waggons	160,00
	Hay Cart & Tongue	9,60
2	Ox Sleds	20 00
3	Road Scrapers	21 00
2	Horse Rakes	45,88

205	Bushels.	Corn	$266.67
210	"	Oats	157.50
26	"	Rye	31.25
57	"	Potatoes	38.50
7	"	Vegetables	6.00
60	Gallons	Cider	18.00
26	"	Vinegar	12.50
215	lbs	Pork & Hams	40.00
2	Ox	Carts	90.00
90	lbs	Beef	9.00
	All Other	Farming Tools	136.00
	Groceries	On Hand	27.77
	Household	Furniture	412.00
26	Cords	Birch Wood	73.00
3000	Feet	of Oak & Pine Lumber	45.00
196	R R	Ties	85.60
90	Logs at	Saw Mill 9000 ft.	198.00
56	Cords	Pine & Chestnut Wood	195.00
1	Sorrel		43.00.
			$ 4867.27
	Due from	State	256.55
	"	" Town of Townsend	14.16
	"	for Milk & Lumber	341.98
			$ 5479.96

Expenditures at Farm as follows-

Cash	Paid	Agents Salary	$ 600.00
"	"	Labor Exclusive of Agts Salary	509.03
"	"	for Stock	253.40
"	"	" Groceries	408.24
"	"	" Hay & Grain	35.10
		Use of Horse & Cart	11.05
		Farming Tools	76.97
		Grass Seed & Fertilizers	65.02
		Blacksmithing	40.75
		Ice	4.16
		Sawing Lumber	61.82
		Lumber and Repairs	238.98
		Clothing for inmates	49.77
		Stove & Fixtures	53.55
		Household Furniture	13.81
		Meat	270.46
		Doctors Bills	16.50
		Services of Overseers	105.00 = 2814.71

Expenses away from the Farm		$ 713,51	
Total Expenses			$ 3528,22
Cash Receipts as follows—			
For Stock Sold		$ 322,00	
" Milk "		587,84	
" Wood & Lumber		379,36	
" Produce		246 19	
" Men & Teams		479,35	
From Debts Due		475,24	
For Board		22 00	
From Town Treasurer		457 93	
" The State		49,14	
" Various Towns—		100,28	
" R E Warren	(Bonus)	11,50	
Cash On hand March 15 1869		296,75	
Total Amt. of Cash receipts			3427,78
Expenses More than Cash receipts			100 44

Amt of Inventory of Personal Property Feb 19th 1869 - 5858,33
" " " " " " March 15 1870 5479 96
$ 378,37

J G Putnam
Willis Works
Overseers of the Poor

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. Rufus E Warren and George M Newton having declined Serving as Fence Viewers. Jon.a D Wheeler and Abram M Bigelow were chosen Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing who together with William Holbrook chosen March 7th were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by I D Hall, Moderator in Open Town Meeting

Wm T Barker having declined Serving as Surveyor of Lumber John M Davenport was chosen in his place and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by I D Hall Moderator

J A Goddard was chosen Pound Keeper in place of Benj Kingsbury who declined Serving

Took up the twenty fourth Article in the Warrant. The Committee Chosen at the last Meeting (March 7th) under the twenty third Article in the Warrant. Verbally Reported progress - and Asked for further time to complete their investigations. Report accepted and Committee instructed to secure the land necessary for School House purposes as by them report appeared could be done at a cost not exceeding two hundred dollars per Acre -

The Selectmen being a Committee to Examine the road refered to in the Nineteenth Article in the Warrant. Reported that in consequence of the abundance of Snow which had covered the ground since the last Meeting they had been Unable to Examine the road refered to and asked to be Excused from the duty. The Town voted not to Excuse the Selectmen but that they have further time to Examine the road

On Motion of James G Putnam took up the nineteenth article in the Warrant. Joseph Bruce moved that the matter refered to in this Article be put into the hands of a Special Committee. A somewhat protracted discussion Ensued. and before coming to any Vote on the motion. the Meeting adjourned to Monday April twenty fifth (25) at two O'clock P M

Rd Between the Vote accepting the Selectmens report and granting them further time to examine the road refered to. and the motion of James G Putnam. to take up the Nineteenth Article in the Warrant. A motion was made and lost to reconsider the Vote passed March 7th 1870 whereby the money refunded to the Town on account of Dog Licenses was appropriated to the Free Public Library - and to appropriate the Same to common Schools (Lost)

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs to Meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of April next at three Oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles, to Wit

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

Art 2 To See if the Town will Erect a School House in Farnumsville on the Same plan as may be recommended by a committee chosen at the last Annual Meeting for one at Saundersville, or Act thereon, as petitioned for by Alfred Morse and Others

" 3d To See if the Town will Authorize the General School Committee to take the Hall in the Academy Building and put the Same in Order to be used as a Grammar School room -

" 4th To See what disposal if any the Town will make of the School House in the former School District No ~~two~~ or Act thereon -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saundersville Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting -

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this Warrant, with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given Under Our Hands this twenty first day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy -

Henry F. Wing
Joseph Adams
W. L. Munyan
C. C. Wills
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton April 4th 1870

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Villag Farnums Ville and Saunders Villag Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed.

I D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant & Return

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall on Monday the fourth day of April AD 1870. at three Oclock in the afternoon, and transacted the following business

1st By Ballot chose I D Hall Moderator -

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. George W Fisher moved to refer the matter of this article to the present Committee on Saunders Ville School house with two additional Members to be appointed by the Moderator. J D Wheeler moved to amend by referring it to the present Committee - Amendment lost and Mr Fishers Motion was by vote carried in the affirmative

Moderator appointed George W Fisher and Jon^{a} D Wheeler Additional Members of Said Committee who were by Vote accepted -

Took up the third Article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted to pass over the Article, leaving the whole matter in the hands of the General School Committee -

Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to pass Over the Article, leaving the whole matter in the Hands of the General School Committee All the Articles in the Warrant having been Acted upon. the Meeting was dissolved -

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 25th 1870

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs Met in the Town Hall pursuant to Adjournment from April 4th A D 1870. and transacted the following business. viz

1st The Records of the last Meeting were read and Approved

2d A motion was made by James G Putnam to reconsider the vote passed at the last Meeting whereby the Town refused to release the Selectmen from further Service as a committee chosen at the Annual Town Meeting held March 7th A D 1870. to examine the road refered to in the Nineteenth Article in the Warrant which motion was "laid On the Table for the present" and Then took up the twenty fourth Article in the Warrant.

The Selectmen made a verbal report in Substance that they had examined the road refered to in the nineteenth article in the Warrant and without Employing an Engineer or Surveyor to make any calculations were Satisfied that it would cost from five to Six thousand dollars to put said road in Such condition that they could Expect it would be acceptable to the County Commissioners

On motion Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to meet the County Commissioners when they come to lay Out a new road from Grafton to Upton and Endeavor to Secure Such location for Said road as in their Judgment Shall be for the best interest of the Town and of All concerned.

The Committee Chosen at the annual Town Meeting held March Seventh A D 1870 to take into consideration the matter of building a New School House at Saunderville Submitted the following Report which was accepted by Vote of the Town —

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To the Town of Grafton

The Undersigned a Committee chosen at a former meeting to purchase a lot of land in Saunders Ville for a School House. And Also to procure plans and Estimates for a School House. have attended to that duty and now report. that they have bought One Acre of land of Sullivan Newton. Situated on the Easterly Side of the road leading from the Saunders Ville Station to Leland Hill, for the Sum of two hundred dollars-

We have procured plans and Estimates for a School House which are Submitted herewith.

Esek Saunders
A M Bigelow
W D Wheeler

April 25th 1870.

On motion Voted that the Same Committee proceed to Erect and finish a School House upon the Lot they have purchased on Such plan as they may deem most Suitable. at a cost not Exceeding Six Thousand dollars.

The Committee Chosen at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton duly warned and holden on the fourth day of April Current. to take into consideration the Matter of building a new School House at Farnums Ville. Submitted their report which was accepted as follows-

To the Town of Grafton

The Undersigned. a Committee Chosen at a former meeting to view the School House in Farnums Ville and See what is needed there have attended to that duty and now report. that a new School House is needed there. but considering the existing condition of the finances of the Town do not consider it desirable to build more than One School House the present Year.

Esek Saunders
A M Bigelow
W D Wheeler
Jon^a D Wheeler
Geo W Fisher

April 25th 1870

Took up the 12th Article in the Warrant-

Voted to Appropriate Six Thousand Dollars for School house at Saunders Ville - Voted to Appropriate One hundred dollars to the use of the Common Committee. Dissolved Meeting

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester SS

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs to Meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton On Monday the twenty-seventh day of June current at three Oclock in the afternoon to Act On the following Articles to Wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting -

Art 2d To See if the Town will grant Money and appropriate the Same for Special repairs on the road from Wm Fiskes to the Bridge over George Brook near Kit Factory so called. the same being Over the Old County road leading from Grafton to Upton or Act thereon as petitioned for by Joseph Bruce and Others -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting Up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given Under Our Hands this Eighteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy - -

Henry F Wing
E H Rugg
Joseph Adams
W L Munyan
C C Wilde
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton June 27th 1870

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting Up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of Holding Said Meeting as therein directed ~~M H~~ S Davis Hall Constable of Graf

A Copy of Warrant & Return

~~M H~~

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton June 27th 1870

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at three Oclock in the Afternoon and transacted the following business under said Warrant. Viz

1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator (One Dist used)

2 Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. Joseph Bruce moved that the Town grant a Sum of money for Special Repairs on the roads referred to in this article after some discussion Pro and con. W D Wheeler moved an indefinite postponment of the whole matter under consideration which was carried in the affirmative the vote being forty three (43) for indefinite postponment to thirteen (13) against it —

Then dissolved the Meeting

MHH James W White Town Clerk

To John Wheeler Esq of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

You are hereby notified that the Pump and Well Standing near the north line of the Estate formerly Owned and Occupied by Augustus Slocomb of Grafton and now Owned and Occupied by me, and near your Stable in said Grafton Stands upon land of which I am the Owner in fee Simple. And that I intend to dispute your right to maintain said Pump &c. upon the land so Owned by me, and to prevent You from acquiring any right to said land, Or any Easement in upon or Over the Same

George F Slocomb

Grafton September 6th 1870

Grafton Sept 6th A D 1870

At 6h 45m P M I this day presented and gave in hand to John Wheeler above named a true copy of the foregoing notice

MHH James W White Town Clerk

A True Copy of Notice and Service of the Same

MHH James W White Town Clerk

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Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on tuesday the Sixth day of September next at three Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting -

Art 2d To see if the Town will vote that no person shall be allowed to sell Ale, porter, Strong-beer, Lager-beer within the Town as petitioned for by John H Windsor and Others -

And You are directed to Serve this warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

Given Under Our Hands this twenty ninth day of August in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy -

Henry F Wing
Joseph Adams
W L Munyan
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton September 6th 1870

I have served thy foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed -

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and Return -

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton September 6th 1870

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Six day of September A D 1870 and transacted the following business viz-

First By Ballot Chose George F Slocomb Moderator the "Check List" being used at his Election-

Took up the second Article in the Warrant, James W White Submitted in writing the following motion viz "That no person shall be allowed to Sell Ale, Porter Strong beer or lager bier within the town"- E B Bigelow mooved to amend the motion by adding the following viz- That the vote be by Ballot Yea & Nay. and that the check List be used in voting which amendment was carried in the affirmative-

Voted that the Polls be closed at four Oclock P M-

At four Oclock P M all persons present having a right to vote- having had an Opportunity to do so and no Objection being made the polls were closed and the votes being Sorted and counted were declared as follows. Whole number of Votes ninety Seven. (97). Yeas. or those in favor of prohibition Eighty, 80 Nays. or those Opposed to prohibition Seventeen (17)

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton Oct 24th 1870

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day E O Lindley and Elbridge Potter were Appointed measurers of Wood and Bark for the remainder of the Year. and were both duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of this Office Octobr. 31st 1870 By me

James W White Town Clerk

November 7th 1870 E O Lindley & Elbridge Potter were Appointed Weighers of Coal &c and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office before me James W White Town Clerk of Novembr 4th 1870

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton. On Tuesday the Eighth day of November next at nine O'clock in the forenoon it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said Month. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant Governor. Secretary. Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth and for a Councillor for the third Councillor District and for a Senator for the second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a ~~County~~ Commissioner for the County of Worcester and for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester - And for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester. And for a Representative for the eighth Congressional District in Massachusetts. in the forty second Congress of the United States. Also for a Representative to represent the twelfth representative District in Worcester County. in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. -

The votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and Unfolded On One Ballott or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate ballots as best Suits the voter Each vote to Specify the Office voted for -

The Polls will open ~~to Receive~~ the votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A M and may be closed at twelve Oclock M -

And You are directed to Serve this foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town - and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of Holding said Meeting -

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid-

Given Under Our Hands this twenty fourth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy-

Henry F Wing
G H Rugg
Joseph Adams
C C Willis
W L Munyan
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton November 8th 1870.

I have Served the Foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and At the Post Offices in New England Village. Farnums ville and Saunders Village. Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. as therein directed-

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A True Copy of Warrant and Return.

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 8th 1870

Pursuant to the Foregoing Warrant. the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs Met in the Town Hall on Tuesday the Eighth day of November A D 1870 it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said Month. at nine Oclock in the fore noon-. The meeting was called to Order by Henry F Wing Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the foregoing Warrant was read and the Polls Opened at ten Oclock A M. and on Motion of James W White it was Voted that the Polls be Closed at three Oclock this Afternoon-

At three Oclock P M no Objection being made the Polls were closed- The Votes given in having been Sorted counted and recorded in Open Meeting were declared Publicly by the Town Clerk as follows

over

The Whole number of Votes for Governor was four hundred and Seventy Eight 478

William Claflin of Newton had Two hundred and Seventy nine Votes 279.

Wendell Phillips of Boston had One hundred and Twelve Votes 112

John Quincy Adams of Quincy had Eighty Seven votes 87

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was Four Hundred and Seventy five 475

Joseph Tucker of Lenox had Two hundred Seventy three votes 273

Elipshalet Trask of Springfield had Twenty two votes. 22

Henry W Bishop of Lenox had Ninety five votes 95

James Chatteway of Springfield had Eighty four votes 85

The Whole Number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was four hundred Seventy Nine 479

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two hundred and Eighty votes 280

George S Ball of Upton had twenty votes 20

Stillman B Pratt of Boston had Ninety Six votes 96

Luther Stephenson of Hingham had Eighty three votes 83

The whole Number of Votes for Attorney General was four hundred and Eighty 480

Charles Allen of Boston had Two hundred and Eighty votes 280

Whiting Griswold of Greenfield had twenty One Votes 21

Charles Cowley of Lowell had ninety Six Votes 96

William Wirt Warren of Brighton had Eighty three Votes 83

The Whole number of Votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was four hundred Seventy Eight 478

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had Two hundred Eighty two Votes 282

John I Baker of Beverly had Eighteen Votes 18

N W Stoddard of North Bridgewater had Ninety five Votes 95

Levi Heywood of Gardner had Eighty three Votes 83

The Whole number of Votes for Auditor was four hundred & Seventy Nine - 479

Charles Endicott of Canton had two hundred and Eighty One Votes 281

Lyman W Daggett of Attleboro had nineteen Votes 19

Edward C Peabody of Groveland had ninety Six Votes 96

Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had Eighty three Votes 83

The whole number of Votes for Representative to Congress from the Eighth District was four hundred Seventy Six 476

George F Hoar of Worcester had two hundred and Eighty three Votes 283

Moses S Johnson of Worcester had One hundred and Eight Votes 108

Alvin Cook of Uxbridge had Eighty three Votes 83

Elnathan Davis had One Vote 1

Amasa Walker had One Vote 1

The whole number of votes for Councillor for the third Councillor District was four hundred forty nine 449

Henry S Crowell of Boston Highlands had two hundred and fourteen votes — 214

Elijah B Stoddard of Worcester had Sixty Eight votes 68

Jesse H Jones of Natic had Six votes 6

Calvin Torrey of Boston had Eighty three votes 83

C C Moore of Upton had Seventy Eight votes 78

The whole number of votes for Senator for the Second Worcester District was four hundred and Ninety 490

Charles E Whitin of Northbridge had One hundred Seventy Eight votes 178

George S Ball of Upton had One hundred thirty One votes 131

J H Wood of Grafton had One hundred Eighty One votes 181

The whole number of votes for County Commissioner for the County of Worcester was four hundred and Eighty 480

J Warren Bigelow of Rutland had Two Hundred Eighty three votes 283

T K Leonard of Grafton had One hundred & Six votes 106

Thomas Harrington of Worcester had Seven votes — 7

Emory E Harwood of Oxford had Eighty three votes 83

T Leonard had One vote 1

The whole number of Votes for County Treasurer was four hundred and Eighty. 480

Charles A Chase of Worcester had Two hundred Eighty three Votes 283

D W Knights of Brookfield had One hundred and Seven Votes 107

George W Wheeler of Worcester had Seven Votes 7

J. Otis Hale of Hubbardston had Eighty three Votes 83.

The whole number of Votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester was four hundred Seventy Eight — 478.

Alexander H Wilder of Worcester had four hundred and Seventy four Votes 474

Alexander H Wilbur of Worcester had four Votes 4

The whole Number of Votes for Representative for District Number twelve in Worcester County in General Court was four hundred fifty nine 459

Ashley W Rice of Grafton had two hundred and fifty Votes 250

J. L. Nelson of Grafton had two hundred Votes 200

A A Elliot of Grafton had Seven Votes 7

S B Dolliver " " had One Vote 1
W D Wheeler " " had One Vote 1

The Vote of Shrewsbury was for J L Nelson 143
" " " " Ashly W Rice 81
" " J L Nelson Elected by two Thirds Majority

James W White Town Clerk

Rice	Nelson	
250	200	343
81	143	331
331	343	12

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held on the second day of January A D 1871. the following Order of Notice and regulation respecting a contagious disease among Cattle was adopted viz

Notice

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton give Notice that it has come to their knowledge that a contagious disease known as the "Mouth and Hoof Disease" is now prevailing among the Cattle Owned in this town, and that in view of this fact it has become their duty to enforce the provisions of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 1860 concerning contagious diseases among Cattle. They therefore prohibit the passage through the said Town of any neat Cattle without Express permission in writing from the Selectmen. They further request all Owners of Stock in the Town to Separate and keep apart from other Cattle all Animals which are infected with, or have been Exposed to said disease, and to use all means within their power to prevent the Spread of a disease so contagious and fatal in its Character. Owners of Stock are further requested to give immediate notice to the Selectmen of All cases of this disease which may come to their knowledge.

Grafton January 2d 1871

Henry F Wing
Geo H Rugg
Joseph Adams
C C Willis
W L Munyan
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy Received January 3d 1871.

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth day of January current, at One Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

" 2d To See if the Town will Aid the Grafton and Millbury Rail Road Corporation in Constructing a Rail Road from some point on the Boston and Albany Rail-Road, in said Grafton to the Village in the centre of said Town. Either by taking Stock. Loaning the Credit of the Town. Furnishing Money, or in any Other manner furnishing Such Aid as may be necessary to cause said Rail Road, to be constructed or act thereon, as petitioned for by Wm G Scandlin and Others

" 3d To See what action if Any, the Town will take with reference to the payment of a claim for Costs, in the cases, Elder, Hutchinson and Smith Against Walter Forehand for killing their Dogs &c while a Constable of Grafton

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an Attested copy of thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village, Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our Hands this Second day of January in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One.

Henry F Wing
Joseph Adams
C C Willis
} Selectmen of Grafton

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and At the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders ville Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed.

I D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and constables return on Same

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town Affairs Met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth day of January A D 1871 and transacted the following business viz

1st By Ballot Chose S D Hall Moderator (Check List used)

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant,

Charles Brigham Esq Submitted the following Motion in writing viz

That the Town Aid the Grafton and Millbury Rail Road Corporation to an Amount not Exceeding three percent of the Valuation of the town for the year 1871 to Enable Said Corporation to construct a Rail Road from a point on the Boston and Albany Rail Road at or near the new Depot on Said road in Grafton to the Village in the Centre of Said Town. Provided a Sufficient amount of Money is raised from Other Sources to complete the construction of Said road.

After a Somewhat protracted discussion a Vote Yes and No was taken the Checklist being used with the following result viz

Yes	two hundred and Six Votes	206
No	One hundred and Sixty Six Votes	166

Took up the third article in the Warrant

C C Wood Mooved to pass over the article

Mr Forehand made a Statement of the case Explaining the cause of action against him to be the Executing of a Warrant from the Chairman of the Selectmen Ordering him to Sell

or cause to be killed all Dogs within the Town not Licensed and Collared according to the provisions of Law.

That after the Suits were commensed against him One Of the Selectmen told him that the Board had decided that he Should defend the Suits and the town would see him paid for his Expenses – That the cases were carried to the Supreme Court where he was Sustained in Every act but the parties bringing the Suits against him and against whom Executions for cost had ben Obtained were irresponcible and consequently the payment of the costs fell upon him he therefor presented the Bill to the Town

after Some further remarks by diferent persons J. H. Smith moved to Amend the motion of Mr Wood So as to refer all Bills presinted by Mr Forehand to the Selectmen for Examination and if found correct and proper and Such as in their Judgment the town Should pay to Audit the Same and draw their Order on the Treasurer for their payment

The question being taken on the Amendment it was declared by the Moderator as Negatived – that being doubted the House was divided when a Count of the Voters present being taken it was found that One hundred and forty nine (149) voted for the amendment and Ninety Six (96) against So the amendment was carried the Vote being then taken on the adoption of the Motion as Amended was carried in the Affirmative and the Meeting was dissolved

James M White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting-

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts- You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs. to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the thirtieth day of January current at One Oclock in the afternoon. to Act on the following Articles to wit-

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2 To See if the Town will Aid the Boston and Millbury Rail Road Company in constructing a Rail Road from some point on the Boston and Albany Rail Road in said Grafton to the Village in the centre of said Town. Either by taking Stock Loaning the credit of the Town. Furnishing Money or in any other manner furnishing such Aid as may be necessary to cause such Rail Road to be constructed. Or Act thereon as petitioned for by H. C Greenwood and Others

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farmumsville and Saunders Village. Seven days at Least before the time of holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid-

Given under Our hands this twentieth day of January in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One

Henry F Wing
W L Munyan
Joseph Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farmumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed- I D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the thirtieth day of January A D 1871 and transacted the following business viz.

Art. 1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator. the check list being used at his election. the vote stood for

S D Hall	Two hundred fifty three	253
S. E Cromb	One hundred fifty seven	157

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant.

H C Greenwood Submitted the following written Motion - "That the Town Aid the Grafton and Millbury Rail Road Company to an Amount not Exceeding three percent. of the Valuation of the Town for the Year 1871. to Enable Said Company to construct a Rail Road from a point on the Boston and Albany Rail Road. at Or near the new Depot on said Road in Grafton to the Village in the centre of Said Town. Provided a Sufficient Amount of Money is raised from Other Sources to complete the construction of said road. "The Motion was seconded. and after some remarks. the following amendment was Offered by Thorndike Leonard

"That the motion for the Town to Aid the Grafton & Millbury Rail Road. be postponed till the Survey on the Other road is made. and that in the mean time a Committee be Appointed by & At the Expense of the town to investigate the matter and report to the town at a future Meeting - The question being taken on the Amendment. was declared by the Moderator carried in the negative. and the Amendment was lost. The question being taken on Mr Greenwoods Motion By Ballot. Yes and No. the Check list being used. resulted as follows -

Whole number of Votes	Five hundred twenty three	523
Yes. -	Two hundred Seventy two	272
No.	Two hundred fifty One.	257

Immediately after the above vote was declared the Meeting was dissolved

Attest James W White Town Clerk

We the undersigned being duly appointed to perambulate and run the lines between the City of Worcester and the Town of Grafton met this day for the purpose aforesaid at a Stone Monument at the northerly corner of Grafton and proceeded from thence to a Stone Monument at the westerly corner of Grafton which with all the intervening monuments we found in good condition

Worcester October 26th 1870

Benjamin Flagg } In behalf of the
Jonas Hartshorn } City of Worcester

G H Rugg } in behalf of the
F A Billings Jr } Town of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk of Grafton

We the undersigned being duly appointed to perambulate and run the lines between Grafton and Westboro met this day for the purpose aforesaid at a Stone Monument at the corner of Grafton Upton and Westboro and proceeded from thence to a Stone Monument at the corner of Grafton Shrewsbury and Westboro which with all the intervening Monuments we found in good condition

Grafton Oct 31st 1870

Joseph Adams } In behalf of the
C C Willis } Town of Grafton

Chas P Rice } In behalf of
Edwin Bullard } the Town of
H A Burnap } Westboro

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Agreably to notice duly given by the Selectmen of Shrewsbury to the Selectmen of Grafton to perambulate and run the lines between said Towns – We the undersigned met this day for that purpose at the Stone Monument at the corners of Westboro and Grafton on the Shrewsbury line. And proceeded from thence to Examine the several Monuments and renew the marks thereon Erected at the Angles on the boundary lines between said Towns. to a Monument at the corners of Grafton and City of Worcester on the Shrewsbury line. which with all the intervening Monuments we found and put in good condition –

Shrewsbury Nov 4th 1870

Levi J Hemmenway } Selectmen of
Thos H Knowlton } Shrewsbury

Geo H Rugg. } Selectmen of
Joseph Adams } Grafton.

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

We the Undersigned being duly appointed to perambulate and run the lines between Grafton and Northbridge met this day for the purpose aforesaid at a Stone Monument at the corner of Grafton Upton and Northbridge and proceeded from thence to a Stone Monument at the corner of Grafton Sutton and Northbridge. which with all the intervening Monuments we found in good Condition

Grafton November 2d 1870.

Joseph Adams } In behalf of the
W L Munyan } Town of Grafton

G F Batchelder } In behalf of the
Benj Mc Bride } Town of Northbridge

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

We the undersigned being duly appointed to perambulate and run the lines Grafton and Upton met this day for the purpose aforesaid at a Stone Monument at the northerly Corner of Upton and proceeded from thence to a Stone at the westerly corner of Upton which with all the intervening ~~Monuments~~ monuments we found in good condition
Grafton November 21st 1870

Joseph Adams
W L Munyan
} In behalf of the Town of Grafton

E W King
Whitman Holbrook
} In behalf of the Town of Upton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

We the Undersigned being duly appointed to perambulate and run the lines between Grafton and Sutton met this day for the purpose aforesaid at a Stone Monument at the corner of Grafton Millbury and Sutton and proceeded from thence to a Stone Monument at the corner of Grafton Northbridge and Sutton which with all the intervening Monuments we found in good condition
Grafton November 21st 1870.

C C Willis
Rufus E Warren
} In behalf of the Town of Grafton

E H Hutchinson
J D Amsby
} In behalf of the Town of Sutton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

We the undersigned being duly appointed to perambulate and run the lines between Grafton and Millbury met this day for the purpose aforesaid at a Stone Monument at the Corner of Grafton Worcester and Millbury and proceeded from thence to a Stone Monument at the corner of Grafton Sutton and Millbury which with all the intervening Monuments we found in good condition —
Grafton November 21st 1870.

C C Willis
Rufus E Warren
} In behalf of the Town of Grafton

Horace Amsbury
E E Forbes
} In behalf of the Town of Millbury

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs, to met at the Town Hall in said Grafton On Monday the Sixth day of March next at nine O'clock in the fore noon to act On the following Articles, to wit—

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

" 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing

" 3 To hear the Report of the Selectmen and act thereon

" 4th To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer and Act thereon—

" 5th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and Act thereon

" 6th To hear the Report of the Collector of Taxes and act thereon,

" 7th To hear the Report of the Engineers and act thereon—

" 8th To hear the Report of the General School Committee and act thereon

" 9th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Rural Vale Cemetery and act thereon

10th To hear the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery and act thereon—

11th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year and make Appropriations for the same and act thereon

12th To raise Such Sum of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make Appropriations of the same and act thereon

"13th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector and Act thereon

"14th To See what compensation the Town will Allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing Year and Act thereon -

"15th To See what Compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and act thereon -

"16th To See if the Town will Authorize the Prudential Committees in the Several School Districts to Employ the School Teachers in their respective Districts or Act thereon

"17th To See if the Town will accept of the list of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or Act thereon -

"18th To determine the place within the Town where the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year -

"19th To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M. and at 9 Oclock P M or act thereon -

"20th To See if the Town will build a School House at Fayrumsville and make appropriation for the same or Act thereon as petitioned for by James A Morse and Others

"21st To See if the Town will accept of a Deed of Land to Enlarge Pine Grove Cemetery, and Authorize the Trustees to remove the fence to enclose the same or Act thereon

"22 To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sealer of Weights and Measures the Ensuing Year or Act thereon,

"23d To See what disposal the Town will make of the money refunded on Account of Dog Licenses. Or Act thereon.

"24th To See if the Town will build a new School House in Waterville, District No 11. Or act thereon as petitioned for by J S Nelson and Others –

"25th To See if the Town will Authorize the Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town or Act thereon –

"26th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and Act thereon –

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England village, Farnums bill and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of Holding said Meeting –

Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid "

Given under Our Hands this twentieth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One –

Henry F Wing
G H Rugg
Joseph Adams
W L Munyan
C C Willis
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 6th 1871

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England village Farnumsville and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed

I D Hall Constable of Grafton

Attest.
A Copy
Attest

James H White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of March A D 1871. and transacted the following business viz The meeting was called to Order at the hour designated in the Warrant by James W White Town Clerk and By Ballot. S. Davis Hall was Elected Moderator the "Check List" being used at his Election -Poayes By Rev Mr Windsor-

Leander Stockwell Mooved that the Votes for Town Clerk. Five Selectmen. 1 Treasurer Three Assessors. Three Overseers of the Poor. Two General School Committee, one Truster of Riva Side Cemetery. One Truster of Pine Grove Cemetry One Common Committee and five Constables on one Ballot. - Samuel Harrington moved to amend the Motion of Mr Stockwell by Striking from the Ballot the names of the General School Committee - and by Vote the amendment was Carried in the Affirmative - E C Thurber then mooved to Amend the motion so as to vote for the Selectmen Separately. and by Vote that amendment was Negatived -

The Vote was then taken on the Motion of Mr Stockwell as amended by Mr Harringtons Motion. and Carried in the Affirmative -

On Motion of H C Greenwood it was Voted to close the Polls for the Election of Town Officers at One Oclock P. M.

At One Oclock P M the Polls were closed, the Votes Sorted and Counted. and the following Persons were declared Elected to the following Offices viz -

The Whole Number of Votes for Town Clerk was
Three hundred and thirty 330
James W White had Three hundred and
thirty Votes and was Elected. and duly Sworn
to the faithful discharge of the duties of his
Office by S Davis Hall Moderator -

314	Joseph Adams	Sworn March 6th 1871 By S D Hall Moderator
271	W L Munyan	" " " " " " " "
246	C C Wilkis	" " " " " " " "
261	Jas W McKenzie	" " " " J W White Town Clerk
280	Aaron Elliot	" " " " S D Hall Moderator

were Elected Selectmen for the Year Ensuing

336. The whole Number of Votes for Town Treasurer
was three hundred and thirty Six 336

Rufus E Warren had three hundred and
thirty Six Votes for Town Treasurer and was
Elected and on the same day duly Sworn to
the faithful discharge of the duties of his
Office by James W White Town Clerk.

333	G C Taft	Sworn March 14th 1871 By James W White Town Clerk
254	S D Hall	Sworn March 6th 1871 By J W White Town Clerk
334	Adien B Davis	Sworn April 3 1871. By J W White Town Clerk

were Elected Assessors for the Year Ensuing

Jas G Putnam (Sworn March 7th 1871 By J W White Town Clerk
S R White (Sworn March 7th 1871 " " " "
S B Dolliver
were Elected Overseers of the Poor for the Year Ensuing

Esek Saunders was Elected Truste of Riverside
Cemetery -

Noah K Merriam was Elected Truste of Pine
Grove Cemetery -

D W Norcross was Elected on the
Common Committee -

S D Hall (Sworn March 6th 1871 By J W White Town Clerk
L H Bigelow
H C Fuller
James Gleason
William Holbrook Sworn March 28th 1871 By James W White J P
were Elected Constables for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted that the remaining Town Officers to be chose be chosen by nomination at large

On Motion Voted to Choose Three Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing -
Then by Nomination Chose
George R Newton
Henry Hall
Patrick Sullivan
Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted to Choose Three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing
Then by Nomination Chose
J A Goddard,
Joseph Adams Sworn April 3 1871 By Town Clerk
Charles O'Hara
Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing -

By Nomination Chose Benjamin Kingsbury
Pound Keeper for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to Choose two Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing
Then by Nomination Chose
Reuben Taft Sworn April 3 1871 by J W White Town Clerk
Joseph Willard
Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted that all remaining Town Officers be Appointed by the Selectmen

Took up the third Article in the Warrant

The Selectmen having caused their Report to be printed, and corrected some typographical Errors presented the same as corrected. which was accepted as follows - Viz

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton!!

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 6th 1871 Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren, Treasurer of said Town and find his Account Correct and as follows

Dr

To Cash received from all Sources as per Report of Treasurer	$51.525, 42

Cr

Paid for Common Schools	5,333.88
" " School House & Land at Saundersville	6200.07
	$12,153,95

High School

1870 March 8.	Paid	Edward Malley. Teacher	$420,00
" 31	"	Jane E Warren Assistant Teacher	168,00
June 25	"	Edward Malley Teacher	420,00
" 27	"	Jane E Warren Assistant Teacher	168 00
" 29	"	F T Pierce. Care of Room	2300
Nov 18	"	Edward Malley Teacher	360,00
" "	"	Jane E Warren Assistant Teacher	114 00
1871 Feb 22	"	Edward Malley. Teacher	420,00
" " "	"	Jane E Warren Assistant Teacher	168,00
" " "	"	F T Pierce Care of Room	2100
			$2312,00

Fire Department

1870 May 5th	"	Geo F Slocomb Chief Engineer	$1,500,00
1871 Feb 20	"	Geo F Slocomb " "	88 07
			$1,588,07

Highways

Paid repairs On Highways	$2,966.55
" for finishing road near B W Fays	136.94
" B W Fay for Gravel & damage in 1868	5000
" Tod breaking Out roads	452 03
	3,605,52

Bridges

1870.			
Sept 26	Paid for New Bridge at Saunders Bills		$438.95
[illegible]	" " " at Fishers Bills		1015.44
1871 Jany 24	Paid Repairs on Arch Bridge at Saunders Bills		13 30
" 24 "	Painting Bridges		41 46
			1,509.15
1870. April 20	Paid Overseers of the Poor	$400,00	
Sept 24	" " " "	225,00	
1871 Feb 21	" " " "	908 46	
		$1533,46	

Library

1870			
July 1st	Paid H F Wing Treasurer of Trustees		$300,00
Nov 17	" " " "		300,00
1871 Feb 20	" " " " Dog fund		190 41
			$790 41

Sextons

1870			
Aug 27	Paid James Gleason Services		$33 50
Sept 23	" " "		76 05
Oct 4	" " F. N. Hall "		11,00
Nov 25	" James Gleason "		36 90
1871 Feb 21	" " "		41 14
" 21	" L H Bigelow		61 50
			$260,09

School Committee

1870			
April 23	Paid J G Windsor Services		$87,50
" 23	" J W Bigelow "		40 00
" 23	" A J Bates "		89 80
May 9	" W D Wheeler "		25,00
" 9	" D W Northrop "		186,00
June 27	" A W Rice "		25 00
			$453,30

Military Expenses

1870			
July 14	Paid Co G 10 Regt M & M.		$105,50
Dec 17	" " " " " Camp duty at Concord		642 00
" "	" J F Searle Armory repairs		9 25
			$756,75

Assessors

1871			
Feb 20th	Paid G C Taft Services		56,00
" "	" " " Stationary		4 50
" "	" A W Rice Services		30,00
" "	" S D Hall "		40 00
			$130,50

1871	Feb 20th	Paid S D Hall.	Constable	$30,50
"	" 22	" James W White	Collector for 1868 & 1869	16,25
"	" "	" " "	" " 1870	321,30
"	" "	" " "	Recording Births &c.	4835
"	" "	" " "	Stationary & Extra writing	41,25
"	" "	" " "	Oil for Hall & Office	1528
"	" "	" " "	Expres. Postage &c	2712
1870				
March	12	Paid R E Warren.	Printing Reports.	9861
April	23 "	J H Windsor	" Blanks	455
"	6 "	A H White	ringing Bell	25,00
Aug	15 "	Jesse Saunders.	damage to Horse	50,00
Sept	15 "	Common Committee		100,00
"	21 "	S. W. Smith	damage to team	12,00
Oct	4 "	A. H. White	ringing Bell	2500
Dec	6 "	E H Smith & Co	Stove for Lock up	10,00
1871	Jany 9 "	James W White	Care of Town Hall to Jany 1st	7500
	Feb 13 "	John B Pratt	Survey and plan of Road	43,20
"	" "	Bacon & Aldrich	Services before Co Commissioners	5900
"	14 "	W Forehand	Cost in Dog cases	250.47
"	18 "	John B White	Coal for Town Hall	43,15
"	" "	" "	Grate for Culvert	325
"	21 "	L H Bigelow	repairing Hearse	200
"	" "	Noah Fletcher	" Guide Boards	500
"	22 "	R E Warren	Paying State Aid	50,00
"	" "	Special Police & Watchmen		10400
"	" "	J D Wheeler	Grate for Culvert &c	6,45
"	" "	Services of Selectmen	1870.	20000
				$1667,02

Total Amount of Selectmens Orders $26,760,22
Other Sums paid as per this Report $23,668,55
Total Amt paid $50,428,77

Amount Received $57,525,42
Amount Paid 50.428 77
Amount in Treasury $ 1,096.65

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds 5 percent	$19,000.00
" " 6 "	7000 00
Note to Benj. Heywood	500 00
Accrued Interest	234 00
Due Agnt of Town Farm	600 00
	$27,334 00

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes of 1869	292.33
" " " 1870	2105.97
United States 5-20 Bond	1000.00
Town Farm & Buildings	6000.00
Personal Property On Farm	486215
Cash Items in Hands of Owners	54061
Three Fire Engines & Fixtures	2000.00
One Hook & Ladder Carriage	300.00
Three Engine Houses & Land	2,350.00
One High School Building & Land	4,000,00
One Lock Up	500,00
Hearse House	400,00
Furniture and Fixtures in Office	300,00
Due from State for State Aid	219,00
School Houses and Land	22,000 00
Amount in Hands of Treasurer	1096 65
	49,937,71

We respectfully Submit the following Estimates for which the Town Should provide by Tax or Otherwise in 1871. viz

Interest on Town Debt	$ 1430,00
Appropriation for Common Schools	5000.00
Appropriation for High and Grammar School	1800.00
" " Fire Department	1500.00
Rent of Town Hall	500.00
Repairs of Highway	3000.00
Town Bond No 4 5 per cent	1000,00
" " No 2 6 "	1000.00
Note to Buy Heywood	500.00
Other Town Charges and Expenses	4270 00
Total	$ 20,000 00

At the following named places Guide Boards are Erected and maintained within the Town viz At the corner of the roads near Warrens Block - near J D Wheles - near Silas Bintons near William Wallaces - near Edward Fakeys Barn northerly of the residence of George F Jourdan - near the Indian Burying Ground - near the Farmumville School House - near the Store of A Morse & Sons - near Jefferson Billows' near the Farmumsville Depot near Charles McNamara's - near William Holbrooks

near H T Eddy's — near Saunders' Store — near J McClellan's at the corner of the roads northeast from L W Brigham's — near Charles Daniels' at Each of the corners northerly of the Old burying ground — near Quinsigamond House N E Village — near Widow H. B. Fairbanks' — near the Dexter Hathaway place — near house on Town Farm — near Meeting House N E Village. near J W Putnams northerly of the house of J. E. Young — near Joseph Kimballs'. at two places between the last named places near Widow H J Batts. near Capt Benj Aldrich's near Henry Wesson's. On Barn of B W Fay near L N Lelands, westerly of George Dunn's — near John O Keefs. near Joseph Bruce's near the House of W. A Fisk and near the house of Benj Kingsbury —

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Henry F Wing
George H Rugg
Joseph Adams
C C Willis
W L Munyan
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The following is a list of names prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing — Grafton Feby 17th 1871 amended and Accepted as follows — viz

Seth J Axtell C D Aldrich Joseph Adams
Horace Batchelder. Horatio Cogswell Richard R Cram
E F Chamberlin Warren Campbell Jonas H Chickering
Loren S Davis Sullivan Dadmun. George M Dunn
John M Davenport Lewis W Dodge Samuel B Dollion
Sumner Dinsmore Samuel W Easton Sumner C Flagg
Ezekiel Fowler. Charles Fowler. Geo W Fisher
J J Goodrich A. J. Hall. Geo F Jourdan
R B Johnson Levi N Leland Thorndike Leonard
Samuel E Leland, F M Marble. James W McKenzie
Henry Mann. George K Nichols. J. P. Newton.
James G Putnam. Silas E Stowe Oscar Stratton
Geo F Slocomb Seth Stockwell John E Sinclair
Reuben Taft Jon^a D Wheeler C C Willis
D Austin Whitney Rufus C Warren Henry G Prentice

Took up the Fourth article in the Warrant.
The Treasurers Report having been Printed with other Reports was presented and accepted as follows -

"Treasurers Report"

Town of Grafton in Account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer

1870 Cr

March 7th	By Cash on hand as per Report		$	987,72
" 11	" " " of James W White Tax 1869			380 00
April 16	" " " State Treasurer. Paupers			120,00
" "	" " " " " State Aid 1870			478,20
May 2	" " " Rufus E Warren			4,000,00
" 18	" " " James W White Tax 1869			160 00
" 26	" " " B & A R R Co			90,04
" "	" " Interest on 5-20 Bond			30,00
" "	" " Premium On Gold			4 35
June 7	" " " of National Bank of Redemption			4904,17
July 1	" " " Rufus E Warren			1000,00
Aug 9	" " " James W White Tax of 1869			300,00
" 18	" " " " " " " 1870			300 00
" 25	" " " " " " " "			100,00
" 27	" " " " " " " "			100,00
Sept 1	" " " A J Walker License			10,00
" 8	" " " James W White Tax of 1870			800,00
" 10	" " " " " " " "			300,00
" "	" " " City of Worcester Paupers			900
" 15	" " " James W White Tax of 1870			1000,00
" 21	" " " " " " " "			1100 00
" 24	" " " " " " " "			300 00
" 26	" " " " " " " "			300 00
" 28	" " " " " " " "			400 00
" 30	" " " " " " " "			1500,00
Oct 1	" " " " " " " "			14,867,72
" 3	" " " " " " " "			23649
" 4	" " " " " " " "			700,00
" 8	" " " " " " " "			500,00
" 12	" " " " " " " "			500 00
" 19	" " " " " " " "			300,00
" 20	" " " " " " " "			100,00
" 26	" " " " " " " "			300,00
" 29	" " " " " " " "			200,00
" 31	" " " " " " " "			100,00
Nov 1	" " " " " " " "			100,00
2	" " " " " " " "			200,00

Carried forward

1870 Nov 7	By Cash of James W White Tax of 1870		℔	100,00
" 9	" " " " " " "			200,00
" 16	" " " " " " "			300,00
" 17	" " " " " " "			100,00
" 19	" " " " " " "			400 00
" 21	" " " " " " "			300,00
" 21	" " Interest On 5-20 Bond			30 00
" 21	" " Premium On Gold			3 52
Dec 1	" " of State Treasurer. State Aid			2000.00
" 1	" " " " " Corporation Tax			2020.25
" 1	" " " " " Military Bounty			103 50
" 1	" " " " " State Paupers			10,00
" 2	" " James W White Tax of 1870			200.00
" 10	" " " " " " "			200.00
" 15	" " " " " " "			100,00
" 20	" " " " " " "			200 00
1871 Jan 2	" " " " " " "			400.00
" 16	" " " " " " "			300.00
" 20	" " " " " " "			200.00
" 25	" " State Treasurer - School Fund			3705 9
" 26	" " James W White Tax of 1870			200,00
" 30	" " " " " " "			300.00
" 30	" " School Committee Rent of Farmmsville School House			,2500
Feb 4	" " James W White Tax of 1870			300,00
" 8	" " State Treasurer Armory Rent			100,00
" 8	" " " " Military Bounty			642.00
" 8	" " County Treasurer Dog Fund			244,12
" 11	" " James W White Tax of 1870			600.00
" 14	" " " " " " "			600.00
" 20	" " for School House in Dist. No 2			130.00
" 21	" " of James W White Tax of 1870			100,00
" 21	" " for Plank Sold			120,00
" 21	" " " Old Plank from Fishersville Bridge			15,50
" 21	" " Rent of Saundersville School House			5 00
" 21	" " Tuition for One Scholar			1 00
" 22	" " of School District No 1			9 88
" 22	" " " " No 4			13 06
" 22	" " " " No 11			52 09
" 22	" " James W White Tax of 1870			414,69
" 22	" " " " Interest on Same			14 95
" 22	" " " " Tax of 1869			129,80
" "	" " " " Interest on Same			58 65

1871 Feb 25 By Cash of James W White Tax of 1868 $76.60
" " " " " " " " " Interest on Same 16.62
" " " " " " " " " Rent of Town Hall 102.75
" " " " " J F Searle 641.16
Total Recipts $51,525.42

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To paying Selectmens Orders 26,760.22
Interest on Town Bonds 1420.00
5 per cent Bond No 3 1000.00
Borrowed Money 10,000.00
Interest on Same 131.66
School District Note 500.00
Interest " " 60.00
Rent of Town Hall 500.00
County Tax 2692.22
State Tax 4975.00
Bank Tax of Non Residents 5577
State Aid 2073.00
Assessors Orders of Abatment 119.05
Insurance on School Houses 118.00
Account Book 1.35
Recording Deed .55
$54,428 77

Amount Received 51525.42
Amount Paid 54428 77
Cash on hand 1,096.65

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 6th 1871
A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Fifth article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Overseers of the Poor as Printed which is in the following words and figures — Viz

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Inventory as follows. Feb 22d 1871

4 Working Oxen		$450.00
1 Ayrshire Investigating Animal (Bull)		100.00
10 Steers		400.00
10 Cows-		650.00
3 Cows-		150 00
1 Horse		150.00
15 Tons English Hay.		375 00
4 " Meadow Hay.		50 00
2 " Husks-		2500
1½ " Straw		2700
2 Ox Wagons		130.00
1 Sleigh		20.00
3 Ladders-		15.00
12 Hens		9.00
5 Ploughs		40.00
Cultivator & Harrow		20.00
3 Road Ploughs		53.00
1 Ox Road Scraper $25.00 and 3 Road Scrapers 20		46.00
2 Wagons & Harnesses		160.00
4 Ox Yokes $16. Hay Cart & Tongue $9.50		2550
2 Ox Sleds $12. Lot of Old Windows $3.00		15.00
2 Horse Rakes-		4500
2 Swine		40.00
2 Ox Carts		80.00
All Other Farming Tools		135 00
126 Bushels Corn $105		132.20
162 " Oats .70		113.40
21 " Rye 120.		25.20
50 " Potatoes 1—		50.00
21 " " $10.50 2 Bushl Butts 2		1250
2½ Bbls Apples 2.50		625
60 Gallons Cider .15 Cts		9.00
12 " Vinegar		1050
75 lbs Pork		1500
Groceries On Hand		2950
Household Furniture		450.00
5000 Fut Chestnut Plank and 1000 Fut Boards		140 00
575 Railroad Ties		21150
53 Cords of Wood		24750
103 Logs at Sawmill 8000 Fut		16800
Amt of Inventory		4862 15

Due from the State	$ 126,55
" " Town of Wellfleet	8,00
" for Milk	81 50
" for Lumber	84 56
" for Beef	240,00
Amount of Debts due	540 61
Amount of Inventory	4862.15
Amount including dues	$ 5,402,76

Cash Receipts

For Stock Sold	330 00
" Wood Sold	329 20
" Calves "	177 21
" Pigs and Pork Sold	672.26
" Milk Sold	633 31
" Lumber Sold	120,66
" Other products of the Farm	120 07
" Labor by the Farm teams for Road work	661,54
" Teams aside from road labor	27.75
" Grain Sold	84,64
" Cash Received from the State	130.00
" " " " Townsend	14 16
" " " " City of Worcester	9,00
" Debts due last Year	247.00
" from Town Treasurer	334 62
" " "	970 00
Total Cash Receipts	$ 4198,24

Expenditures away from the Farm as follows

For William S Gates	$ 15 43
" Betsey Harrington	24 00
" Mary L Bonbier	36,00
" Geo. Ellick	2,69
" State Nautical School (Francis Tirrill)	45 84
" Shepard Cooper	7,50
" Horace Day and Family	12,68
" Deborah Warren	71 00
" Mary Radican	10,86
" Levi Jenkins	9,00
" Owen McKafe	3,25
" Paul Clarke	14,40
" Henry Smith	23,00
" Davies White & Family Town of Warwick	57 91

continued

For Andrew Waters	$ 8,25
" Mrs William S Gates	12,5
" Betsey Bragg	15,26
" Henry A Hitchens	8,00
" James and John Redman	55,00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital for Elizabeth Jennings	190,85
" " " " Shepard Cooper	27,12
For Augustus Renick	16,88
" Mrs Hoyt	3,00
" John Aldrich	18,75
" Henry Prentice	21,68
" Thomas Harrington	43,81
L. White & W Block at Farnums bill for putting up vagrants. or traveling Paupers -	17,00
For Aiding Elizabeth Manchester	4,90
Doctors Bill Mrs Redman	3,00
Funeral Expenses of Elijah Harrington	13,50
" Ella Howard	12,00
" Levi Junkins	10,00
" William S Gates	12,00
" Deborah Warren	21,00
" Mrs Darius White	21,92
Coffin for Mary C Tylers Child	3,25
Examination of Records and traveling Expenses in Pauper Cases	29,50
Postage and Stationary	3,00
Total Amount of Expenditures away from farm	$905,90

Expenditures at Farm as follows -

Agents Salary.	$ 600,00
Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	654,95
Paid for Stock	628,00
" " Groceries	401 62
" " Meat	264,82
" " Road Plows & Road Scrapers.	79,22
" " Farming Tools	16,25
" " Grass Seed & Fertilizers	56,13
" " Board & Cart hire on Road	27,50
" " Blacksmithing	61 03
" " Ice	4,10
" " Sawing Lumber	36,80
" " Shingling House & Other repairs	166,94
" " Clothing for inmates	58,37

Carried Forward

Paid for Household Furniture	# 18,83
" Selectmen for 5000 fruit Plants	120,00
" for Printing Notices	3,50
" " Services of Overseers	105,00
Total Expenses at Farm	#3303,06
" " away from Farm	905,90
Total Expenses	#4208,96
" Cash Receipts	4198,24
Paid Out more than Cash receipts —	# 10,72

Inventory March 1st 1870	#5479,96	
Inventory March 1st 1871	5402,00	
Inventory less than last Year	77,96	
Valuation of Town Farm		#6000,00
" Personal Property		5402,76
		11,402,76

Whole number supported or assisted on the Farm during the year 248. Number of weeks board 306 Number of Persons at the Alms House at the present time 11. Charles Hayden Mrs Elijah Harrington Henry Prentice his Wife and five Children and two Jennings boys.

We have paid some large bills for out away from the Farm which could not be avoided in cases of Sickness and death. Mrs Jennings and Shepard Cooper who are at the Insane Hospital at Worcester will probably cost the Town #400— per annum— Deborah Warren who died last fall had been aided annually for twenty four years— We have put up two hundred and thirty Eight vagrants or traveling paupers the year past. Some of them do not forget to call the second or third time. The whole number in the State as reported by the Board of State Charities is fifty five thousand. Six hundred and Seventy Eight about twenty five thousand make it their business to go from town to town. Owing to the drought last season the Stock of cattle were fed from the Barn earlier than usual and the invoice of hay and some other products of the farm are less than last Season— In the assets of last year there was a Milk Bill against Mr R. M. Oakes for #14,00 which proves to be of little

or no Value and is not reported in Our Assts this Year. We have hired Mr John Kelley and wife. who have been on the Holden Town Farm for four Years past. for One Year from the first of April next for $475.— they to furnish their own help inside of the House. There will be due Mr Sanders on the first of April $600.

Respectfully Submitted

James G Putnam
Hollis Chamberlin
Stephen R White
} Overseers of the Poor

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant. The Report of the Collector of Taxes having been printed and Corrected as follows was Accepted.

Collectors Report.

The Amount of Taxes Committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to James W White Collector for 1870 is as follows— Viz.

1870 July 30th	Town Loans	$ 26,000.00
	County Orders	2692.22
	State Orders	4975.00
	Non resident Bank Shares	60 72
	Overlayings	352.93
	2 Poll Taxes Assessed after Tax Bill Com^{d}	4.00
	Total	$ 34084.87
	Paid Rufus E Warren at Sundry times as per Rep^{t}	31,978.90
	Leaving an amount of Taxes uncollected of	$ 2105.97

against the following persons for the Amounts set against their respective names —

Austin Sawyer	1 45	Bootiett Nelson	2 00
Aldrich Edward S	2 00	Blette Ishimer	2 00
Adams John M	2 00	Bootiette Clement	2 00
Allen Thomas	2 00	Bonner Edward (Paid)	44 04
Allen Newman 6	2 00	Barrett John	2 00
Allen Cyrus B	3 84	Bogardus James	2 00
Barrows Delano P	2 00	Bassett Jewett	2 00
Bernard Oliver	2 00	Batchelder 6 M.	44 60
Bonner Joseph H	2 00	Burns Alanson E	4 30
Burns Wm H.	2 00	Byron M M	4 40
Baker Anthony	2 00	Bonner John	9 48
Ball Dexter D	2 00	Bombard Antoine	2 00

Bauchard Joseph	2	00	Fanning Robert	2	00
Brooks E B	2	41	Fery Darius Estate of	16	56
Briggs John	2	00	Folderick Joseph	2	00
Butler Napoleon	2	00	Fitzsimmons George	2	00
Bundy Geo H	81	67	Foote E N	25	92
Bonerciss Moses	2	00	Fuller George E.	2	00
Busac Thomas	12	30	Fairbanks Daniel G	25	18
Cole William	2	18	Forbush Curtis	45	97
Casey Michael	27	76	Felton Augustus	2	00
Casey Maurice	2	00	Gauthier Octaves	2	00
Conroy James	14	88	Goodness Godfrey	2	00
Connor Jerry	2	00	Goldthrop Joseph	2	00
Connell Patrick	48	00	Gray Loren	21	32
Coyne James	2	00	Gage Oliver	2	00
Capron George	2	00	Howard Daniel	2	00
Conly William	2	00	Hurly Andrew	2	00
Clark Isaac	2	00	Hines John	2	00
Chuthier Paul	2	00	Howes Michael	2	18
Claflin Charles	2	00	Hurd George W	2	00
Carter Sarah L	14	72	Hurd Joseph E	2	00
Carter William	2	00	Hudson A B	14	60
Carter Wm H	2	00	Howard Charles	2	92
Cady H T	16	26	Hawkins Charles	2	00
Crapo Mark	2	00	Hitchins John	7	52
Caproot Israel	2	00	Herbert Anthony	2	00
Corbin Samuel	3	68	Harness Joseph	2	00
Corbin Monroe J	2	00	Hearn F A	2	00
Claflin Harrison G	4	76	Harrington James	2	00
Cafrey Frank	2	00	Hanlon Patk	2	18
Dwyer Michael	9	91	Harrington Lucinda	18	40
Dumon George	2	00	Heard Joseph	2	00
Dwyer James G	2	00	Jennings Edward	2	00
Dolan John	2	00	Jefferson Napoleon	2	00
Drake Lucy	12	14	Johnson Alonzo	2	00
Dillon Michael Jr	2	00	Kelliher Daniel	2	00
Duson Joseph	2	00	Kane John	2	00
Denville Charles	2	00	Kenyon John G	2	00
Dadmun Sullivan	17	64	Kempston John S	57	02
Davis Olney	2	00	Kempston Abram W	2	00
Daniels Sargent	6	60	Keogh John	2	00
Duguet Peter	2	37	Kelly Mrs John	22	08
Eston Charles D	2	00	Kinkmins Waldo	2	00
Emory Henry	2	00	Kearns Patrick	2	00
Fuller Freeman L	2	00	Kelly Michael	2	18

Kuff Thomas	79	73	Pute Nelson	2	00
Kuff Jeremiah	27	02	Pute Joseph	2	00
Labonte A. O	2	18	Packard Sumner	48	92
Linus Michael	2	00	Putnam Charles	2	00
Leland Frank A	2	00	Pickham Henry	2	00
Long Horace B	2	00	Putnam J. W.	50	76
Laplun Paul	2	00	Picture Levi	2	53
Laduke Zack	2	00	Powell James	2	00
Ladlie Patrick	2	00	Phelps John B	2	00
Lovely Treflee	2	00	Plue Austin	2	00
Mitchel C H	2	00	Plue Ezra	2	00
Miner George B	2	00	Pearson William	4	76
Mineau Eli	2	00	Richards Anthony	3	10
Merritt Edward	2	00	Robinson Joshua	9	36
Malhoit Lewis	2	18	Robinson Almah	2	00
Marsell Frank	2	00	Rourke Patrick	2	00
Minehan James	2	00	Richards Charles	2	00
Mason Joseph	2	00	Rowe John H	2	82
Mason John	2	00	Rowe Mrs John H	49	86
Marcy Felix	2	00	Roods M. A.	15	64
Mapham C. B.	2	00	Rockford Patrick	2	18
McCarty John	2	00	Stowe Sarah Jr	5	05
Margerum F. C.	2	00	Stone Joseph	2	00
Midgett B F	2	00	Sargent John	2	00
Mahn Henry	20	40	Stowe Aaron	2	00
Moore John	5	68	Sullivan Timothy	2	00
Maxwell William	2	00	Swasey John A.	97	68
Maxwell Thomas	2	00	Sheehan Thomas	2	00
Machin D W	2	00	Sheehan Michael	2	00
Metavor Peter	2	00	Swart Peter	2	00
Nevens Thomas	14	42	Scott Robert	2	00
Newell Linus C	20	40	Sheehan Dennis	2	00
Newton F F	3	56	Stratton Samuel	2	00
Olin George B	2	00	Stanton Charles R	2	00
O Neil James	2	00	Stowe L A	123	35
Pratt Richard K	2	00	Stockwell Seth	11	38
Prouty Henry M	2	00	Swart Alfred	2	00
Perry Charles D	2	38	St George Peter	2	00
Prout Peter	2	00	Smith L. E. B.	2	00
Pogue William J	2	00	Smith A. J.	105	96
Platt Otis B.		92	Thompson Henry	2	00
Platt James	2	00	Tibo Robert	2	00
Plant Levi	2	00	Tibo Andrew	2	00
Phillips George W	8	44	Thayer Henry	2	00

Tracy Frank	2	00	Young J E	116	08
Tidell Edward	2	00			
Tauncelitt Joseph	2	00			
Tellett Joseph	2	00	Non-Residents		
Wood Caleb	2	00	Aldrich Nathan	10	12
Whitney Frank	2	00	Boston & Albany RR	11	04
Walcott Fred F	2	00	Congdon Samuel G	12	88
Wheeler C W	2	00	Dolliver Joseph	1	84
Wheeler E P	2	00	Donnegan Michael	4	60
Wells Noah Mack	2	00	Lallie John & Frank	3	68
Willard Joseph	13	04	Legate C J Mrs	15	65
Whitlock L S	11	38	Power J J Rev	32	20
Whitlock Persis	51	52	Snow Peter	3	68
Wool Xavier	2	00	Smith Josiah	22	08
Young William			Taft Deborah	122	91
Young Thomas					

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
James W White Collector

Grafton March 6th 1871

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the Engineers as Printed which is as follows to wit:—

Chief Engineers Report.

Town of Grafton in Account with
George F Slocomb. Chief Engineer
For Expenditures for the fire department for the Year Ending March 6th 1871.

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By Cash received on Selectmens Orders $1,588.07

Dr

Rescue Engine Company No 1

Paid Services of 45 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1870	$374,99
" Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year	10 00
" Noah Fletchers Bill	4,75
" Martin Howes Bill	4,35
	$394,09

Empire Engine Company No 2.

Paid Services of 55 Men for Year Ending May 1st 70	40 16
" Care of Engine & Apparatus one Year	10 00
Bratton & Knights Bill	12 50
Hunneman & Cos Bill	8 00
A S Fletchers Bill	5 79

Paid Express $1.50
$471,85

Blackstone Engine Company No 3

Paid Services of 55 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1870 $402.52
" Care of Engine and Apparatus one Year 10,00
" Cole Brothers Bill 4805
" Graton & Knights Bill 420
" E H Smith & Co. 320
$467,97

Hook and Ladder Company

Paid Services of 25 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1870 $224,16
" Care of Carriage & Apparatus one Year 5.00
$229,16
" Silas Bintons Bill 25,00

Amount of Cash received $1588.07
Amount of Cash Paid 1588.07

All of which is respectfully Submitted —
Georg F Slocomb Chief Engineer

Grafton March 6th 1871
A Copy Attest James M White Town Clerk

Took up the Eighth Article in the warrant and on Motion Voted to Accept the Report of the General School Committee as Printed. (for which see Report on file —

Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant. The Trustees of Riverside Cemetery not being prepared to Report the Article was passed Over for the present —

Took up the Tenth Article in the Warrant The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery presented their Report which was Accepted as follows

"The Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery present the following as their Report" —

Cash on hand as per last Report $35.78
" Rec during the Year 26.50
Total $62.28
Amt paid out during the Year 7.00
Leaving a balance in Treasurers hands of $55.28

L H Bigelow Treasurer

N E Village March 6th 1871

Took Up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant And On Motion voted that the repairing of the Highways be left in the hands of the Selectmen the same as last year-

Took Up the Twelfth Article in the Warrant and on Motion of Henry F Wing- It was voted to Raise by Tax On the Polls and Estates of the Town the Sum of twenty Thousand Dollars- to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year

On Motion of Henry F Wing it was voted to make the following Appropriations for the Year Ensuing as recommended by the Selectmen in their Report viz

Interest on Town Debt		$ 1430,00
Appropriation for Common Schools		5000,00
" " High & Grammar Schools		1800.00
Fire Department		1500.00
Rent of Town Hall		500.00
Repair of Highways		3000.00
Town Bond No 4	5 percent	1000.00
" " 2	6 percent	1000.00
Note to Buy Heywood		500.00
Other Town Charges and Expenses including 300 dollars for Library		4270 00

Took Up the Thirteenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion of E B Bigelow it was voted to Allow no discount on Taxes the Ensuing Year. and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand and that All Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on Or before the first day of October next. and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be Subject to an addition of One percent per Month until paid and all legal cost for collecting. the Collector to pay Over to the Treasurer All Money by him collected One in ten days from the time he receives his Tax bill-

On Motion voted to fix the Compensation of the Collector. by putting the collecting of Taxes Up at Auction to the lowest bidder. which was accordingly

done. and Struck off to Barnabas Newton at fifteen Sixteenths of One percent. no One Offering to collect for less than that Sum –

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot Chose Barnabas Newton Collector for the Year Ensuing –

Took up the Fourteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted. to leave the Compensation of the Sextons for the Ensuing Year with the Selectmen to fix –

Took up the Fifteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to Allow Firemen Ten Dollars. for the Year Ensuing. and in like proportion for a Shorter Term of Service –

On Motion Voted to pass over the Sixteenth Article in the Warrant. there being no Occasion for Action –

Took up the Seventeenth Article in the Warrant. The list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing was amended by Excusing S B Allen and Barnabas Newton and Substituting Burr for the names of Henry Mann and Jonas H Chickering. and was then Accepted as amended. (for List of Names See Selectmens Report on Page 109 –

Took up the Eighteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the High School be kept the Ensuing Year in the Centre of the Town where it has been the past Year –

Took up the Nineteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause One of the Church Bells in the Centre of the town to be rung at 12 Oclock M and at 9 Oclock P M the Ensuing Year –

over

Took Up the Twentieth Article in the Warrant W D Wheeler Moovid that a Committee of three be Appointed by the Moderator to procure and present at a future Meeting, Plans, Specifications and Estimats of costs for a School House at Farnums ville - Also to Report what disposal in their Judgement, can best be made of the Old School House there - if a new One is Erected -

The Motion was Carried in the Affirmative The Moderator then Appointed for Said Committee A M Bigelow, W D Wheeler and Giorge W Fisher - who were by vote Accepted -

Took Up the Twenty first Article in the Warrant and On Motion of Henry F Wing Voted to Accept of a Deed of Land to Enlarge Pine Grove Cemetery and to Authorize the Trustees to Moove the fence so as to enclose the Same provided it can all be done without Expense to the Town -

Took Up the Twenty Second Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the Selectmen, fix the Compensation of the Sealer of Weights and Measures - for the Year Ensuing -

Took Up the twenty third Article in the Warrant and On Motion of Rev Wm G Scandlin it was Voted that the Surplus Dog Fund belonging to the Town be Appropriated the Present Year to the Purchase of New Books for the Library -

On Motion Voted to Pass Over the twenty fourth Article in the Warrant.

Took Up the Twenty fifth Article in the Warrant and On Motion of James W White it was Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the Use of the Town Under the direction of the Selectmen

Took Up the Twenty Sixth Article in the Warrant - The Committee Chosen last Year to Build a School House at Saunders-

ville. Reported. that they had Erected a School House at Saunders ville. at a cost Six Thousand Two Hundred thirty nine 33/100 dollars Exclusive of the Land purchased for that purpose. being two hundred thirty nine 33/100 dollars more than the appropriation for the same. And that the School House had been Occupied for the winter Schools.

After Some discussion upon the propriety of the Committees Exceeding the appropriation in the Expense of building the House it was on Motion Voted. that the Report of the Committee be Accepted. And the Extra Amounts of Expenditure paid when the Committee make a Report in detail Acceptable to the Selectmen —

Then On Motion of E B Bigelow the Meeting was adjourned Monday the third day of April next at two Oclock in the afternoon —

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 18th 1871

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day the following Persons were appointed to Office in Accordance with a vote of the Town passed March 6th 1871 viz

For Measurer of Leather

James W McKenzie

For Measurers of Wood & Bark

Sworn April 29th 1871 By J W White Town Clerk

S S Kelley
G W Fisher
E Fowler
A J Hall
A B Davis
David Fisher
Wm T Barker
E O Lindley

For Weighers of Hay & Coal

Sworn April 29 1871 By J W White Town Clerk

S S Kelley
Saml Harrington
G C Taft
Geo K Nichols
S B Allen

For Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Sumner Dinsmore.

E. C. Willis Clerk of Board of Selectmen

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Graston April 3d 1871

The Inhabitants of the Town of Graston qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall at two Oclock this afternoon and transacted the following business viz- The meting was called to Order by S D Hall Moderator

The Records Showing there there were Several vacancies in the Town Offices. Took up the second Article in the Warrant.

E. B. Bigelow mooved to proceed to the choice of two General School Committee for three Years An Amendment was Offered "that we reduce Our General School Committee to, Three.- and by vote the Amendment was carried in the Affirmative.

Then voted to proceed to the choice of One General School Committee for three Years-

By Ballot chose D W Norcross General School Committee for three Years-

S. B. Dolliver having declined Serving as One of the Overseers of the Poor. By Ballot chose Hollis Chamberlin Overseer of the Poor for the Year Ensuing. who accepted the Office and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties

" By James W White Town Clerk -

On Motion voted to pass over the vacancy in the Office of Constables without filling it.

None of the field drivers chosen March 6th 1871 having qualified It was voted to choose three Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing-

Then by Nomination at large Chose for Field Drivers

Albert Bradish Sworn April 17th 1871 By J W White Town Clerk

C C Wood

Henry Holloway

Charles O'Hara having failed to qualify as Fence viewer. Michael Kiff was by nomination chosen Fence viewer for the Year Ensuing and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by I D Hall Moderator—

Chose Wm T Barker Surveyor of Lumber in place of Joseph Willard who declined Serving—

Voted that the Selectmen appoint a Pound Keeper for the Year Ensuing—

Took up the twenty Sixth Article in the Warrant

The Committee Chosen March 6th 1871. to procure plans. Specifications and Estimates for a School House at Farnumsville also to report what in their Judgement was best to be done with the Old School House. Made a verbal report. in substance as follows— viz—

They had procured Plans and Estimates for a new House with a lot of land for the same. and also plans and Estimates for remodeling and Enlarging the Old School House both of which plans were presented— The cost for remodeling and Enlarging the Old School House &c. Exclusive of warming Apparatus. Seats and Furniture was Estimated at about twelve hundred (1200.00) Dollars— And the cost for a New School House was Estimated to be for Land One hundred and Seventy five dollars and for building Exclusive of warming Apparatus. Seats and Furniture. about three thousand Six Hundred dollars—

The Committee were of Opinion that the Old School House could be Sold for a reasonable Compensation—

The Report was Accepted and the Committee discharged

E B Bigelow moved to build a new School House at Farnumsville and Sell the Old one retaining the use of the Old One until the new One is done, and not to build the new One until the Old

One is Sold. James G Putnam offered an Amend
-ment to Mr Bigelows motion and after some
discussion. the Original Motion was withdrawn
James G Putnam then Submitted the fol-
=lowing Motion in writing viz "That the Committee
when Chosen. Advertise and let the whole Contract
Out to the lowest bider. to be done according to
Specifications provided they give Satisfactory Secu=
=rity (Provided the Old house and lot Shall be sold
before any contract for building the new House Shall
be made" James W White then Submitted the
following as a Substitute for Mr Putnams Motion
viz That a Committee of three be Chosen by Ballot
to Sell the Old School House at Farnums Ville, and
when Sold to proceed to procure Land and to build
a new School House and furnish the Same fit for
use and Occupancy. at a price for Land, House
and furniture not Exceeding five thousand dollars.
The question bing taken on the adoption of the
Substitute was carried in the Affirmative -
Then On Motion Voted that the Substitute just
adopted. Stand in place of Mr Putnams Motion

On Motion of Geo K Nichols Voted that a Committee
of five be Appointed by the Moderator to nominate
a Committee of three to Sell the Old School House
at Farnums Ville and build a New One -
The Moderator Appointed Geo K Nichols, A. M.
Bigelow H C Greenwood J D Wheelock Geo W Estabrook
Said Committee - who Reported the names
of Geo W Fisher, Samuel Harrington and
H C Greenwood for Committee to Sell & Build
and by Ballot they were Chosen Said Committee -
On Motion of James W White Voted to Appropriate
five thousand Dollars for School House No. at
Farnums Ville -

The Committee Chosen last Year to build
a new School House at Saundus Ville
their final Report. which was accepted
as follows -

Report of the Committee Chosen by the Town to build a School House in Saunders bille

Paid	Calvin Clisbee as per contract	$ 4,500
"	Saunders Cotton Mills Bill underpinning	1,04 58
"	Same for digging Cellar laying cellar wall grading &c as per bill	532.78
"	for Stone Steps	200.00
"	Cunninghams Bill Furniture &c.	231,67
"	D B Harringtons Bill for painting &c. &c.	34,75
"	For Seats	448.30
"	" Desks	39,00
"	J C Jones for painting Seats	55,25
"	J B White for framing Seats	8,00
"	for Plans &c	85,00
		$6239,33
V	Rec'd Town Orders	6000 00
	Excess Over the Appropriation	$ 239,33

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Eseh Saunders
A M Bigelow
W D Wheler
} Committee

April 3 1871.

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Then the Meeting dissolved

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 11th 1871

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day Sumner Dins now having declined Serving as Sealer of Weights and Measures James W White was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Year Ensuing

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss April 12th 1871

Then James W White of Grafton in said County was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the town of Grafton

Before me Henry F Wing Justice of the Peace

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to Notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Second day of May next at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2d To See if the Town will purchase Land for the purpose of taking gravel therefrom to make and repair Highways, and for any Other purpose for which the Town may have Occasion to use gravel, and make Appropriation for the same or act thereon -

Art 3d To See if the Town will vote that no person shall be Allowed to Sell Ale, Porter, Strong beer Lager-bier within the Town

Art 4th To See if the Town will Authorize the raising and Enlarging the platform or Stage in the Town Hall or act thereon

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting Up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of Holding Said Meeting - Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our Hands this Eleventh day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One

W L Morgan
Joseph Adams
C C Wellis
J W McKenzie

Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton May 2d 1871

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting Up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England village Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting as therein directed -

I Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and constables return

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the second day of May AD 1871 and the following proceedings were had - viz

1st By Ballot chose W D Wheler Moderator. (Check List used)

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant.

A question was raised as to the right of the Town to take gravel within the present limits of the road leading from the Old Worcester road by the House of Augustus Goddard to Brigham Hill at the Hill Easterly of the House of Said Goddard also as to the exact location of Said road. also as to the claim of Said Goddard. who Owns the land on the northerly Side of Said road and Richard Odlum who Owns the land on the Southerly Side of Said road - for damage on account of the removal of gravel from Said road at Said Hill. After a number of persons had Expressed their Opinions on the above questions. and Several motions had been made and withdrawn. The following was Submitted and passed in the affirmative, viz

That the Selectmen. after fully investigating the rights of the Town and the parties concerned be Authorised to purchase so much Land. on Either or both Sides of the road at Said Goddard Hill. as in their Judgment may be thought best.

Took up the third Article in the Warrant.

(See over)

James W White. Submitted in writing the following Motion viz That no person. Shall be allowed. to Sell Ale, Porter. Strong beer Lager bier and that the vote On the question be by Ballot Yes. or No. the Check list ~~to be~~ used in voting

Upon a division of the "Motion" It was voted that the vote On the Motion. That no person Shall be Allowed to Sell Ale, Porter Strong beer Lager bier be by Ballot. Yes or No the Check list to be used in voting — The votes having been brought in and no person Objecting the Polls were closed and the votes were assorted and counted were as follows — Yes. (or for prohibition) fifty three 53

No (or against prohibition) two 2

Took up the fourth Article in the warrant

Samuel Harrington moved "That we will not raise or Enlarge the Platform in the Town Hall

S. E Stowe moved a sign amendment to Mr Harringtons Motion — That the Selectmen be authorised to build a new Platform over the present One. not exceeding One foot in height above. and two feet in width beyond the present platform and to extend across the end of the Hall

The vote on the Amendment was taken by rising and Standing until Counted. and resulted as follows Whole number for the Amendment was twenty One — Whole number Opposed to the amendment twenty One being a "Tie vote" the Moderator voted in the Negative and the amendment was lost. The vote being then taken taken on Mr Harringtons Motion in the Same manner as on the amendment was carried in the Affirmative 23 Negative 21

The meeting then dissolved

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 13th 1871

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day the following persons were appointed Special Constables of the Town viz

J H Chickering. Sworn July 3 1871 By J W White Town Clerk
H W Dennis
H C Fuller
L M Gassett. Sworn May 20th 1871 By James W White Town Clerk

$1,00 U.S.R.

Treasurer's Bond

Know All men by these presents that We Rufus E Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Samuel Harrington and Jonathan D Wheeler of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton, or its certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves, Our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators firmly by these presents - Sealed with Our Seals and dated this Seventh day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One. The condition of this Obligation is such that whereas the said Rufus E Warren has been Chosen Treasurer for said Town of Grafton for the current Year and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same. Now if the said Rufus E Warren shall as Treasurer as aforesaid faithfully account for and pay Over all moneys by him received, and Also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid Office, then this Obligation Shall be Void Otherwise it Shall remain in full force and virtue

Executed in presence of
James W White for R E W
Henry F Wing

Rufus E Warren L S
Sam Harrington L S
Jon D Wheeler L S

Approved April 17th 1871
W L Munyan
Joseph Adams
J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliott,

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

1871 Collectors Bond 1871

$1,00 U.S.R. Know all Men by these presents that We Barnabas Newton of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Common-wealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Samuel C. Flagg and J. H. Wood of said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty Thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs. Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with Our Seales and dated this first day of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One

The condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the said Barnabas Newton has been Chosen the Collector of Taxes for said Town of Grafton for the current Year, and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Same.

Now if the said Barnabas Newton shall as Collector as aforesaid faithfully Collect, account for and pay Over all the Taxes which he shall be legally required to Collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid Office, then this Obligation shall be void Otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of J. W. McKenzie

Barnabas Newton L S
Samuel C. Flagg L S
J. H. Wood " L S

Approved June 12th 71

W. L. Munyan
Joseph Adams
J. W. McKenzie
Aaron Elliott

A Copy Received at 7h 20m P M June 16th 1871

James W. White Town Clerk

Grafton July 3d 1871

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following persons were appointed as Special Constables - to Serve for two nights and two days to commence this Evening Serving through the fourth and fifth days of July. Viz

F M Marble Sworn July 3 1871 by J W White Town Clerk
Wm S Wood Sworn July 3 1871 by J W White Town Clerk
H K Cady
A G Getchell
J S Knowles

Constables Bond

Know all Men by these presents that W S Davis Hall of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Rufus E Warren . C L Pratt both of Grafton as Surties are holden and stand firmly bound and Obligd unto the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the full Sum of One thousand dollars to be paid unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their Successors or Assigns, to which payment well and - to be made we bind Ourselves. Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals. dated the twenty first day of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One

The Condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the Said S Davis Hall has been duly Elected and Sworn as One of the constables of Said town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing the first Monday of March A D 1871

Now if the Said S Davis Hall Shall faithfully perform all of his duties as Such Constable in the Service of all Civil process which may be committed to him then this Obligation Shall be Void. Otherwise to remain in full force

S Davis Hall L S
Rufus E Warren L S
C L Pratt L S

Approved June 22d 71 W L Munyan

A Copy received June 22d A D 1871 at 1 50m P M
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester — Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourteenth day of August next at two Oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Modelator to preside in said Meeting —

Art 2d To See if the Town will make an additional appropreation for a School House in Farnums ville or act thereon as Petitioned for by Geo W Fisher and Others

Art 3d To See if the Town will Authorize the Selectmen to prosecute all Violators of the law relating to the Sale or Use of intoxicating liquors which may come to their knowledge or of which they may receive reliable information, or act thereon as petitioned for by Seth J Axtell and Others —

Art 4th To See if the Town will Cause the under drain in the new road leading from Grafton Common to Worcester to be continued from its present termination near the House of P H Hayward to a point at or near the northerly line of said Common or Act thereon —

Art 5th To Hear the report of Any Outstanding Committee and Act thereon —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our hands this thirty first day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One —

W L Munyan
Joseph Adams
L E Willis
J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliott

Selectmen of Grafton —

Grafton August 14th A D 1871

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting Up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed -

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and Constables return on Same

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourteenth day of August A D 1871 at two Oclock in the afternoon and transacted the following business Viz

1st By Ballot chose S Davis Hall Moderator. Such list used

2- Took up the 5th Article in the Warrant. The Committee Chosen On the third day of April last past. "to Sell the Old School House at Farnums Ville and when Sold. to procure Land and build a new School House". Reported Verbally and in substance as follows. That they had Sold the Old School House for One thousand dollars. for which the Town Treasurer had received the pay- That they had purchased a lot of Land for One hundred and Seventy five dollars That they had procured plans and Estimates for a School House and had concluded that a House with two rooms On the ground was preferable to One with One room Above the Other- that the expense of such a House would be a little more than the Expense of a two Story House. and that the amount Appropriated ($1000.00). On the third day of April last. was not Sufficient for Erecting finishing and furnishing Such a School House as they desired to build -

3d Took up the Second Article in the Warrant George W Fisher Moved an Appropriation of One thousand dollars. in addition to the five thousand dollars already Appropriated for a School House at Farnums Ville - Lost -

An Additional appropriation of Nine hundred dollars for a School House at Farnums bille was then mooved. On taking the vote on the motion it Stood Nine for the appropriation. to Thirty Eight against it - lost

A motion was then made and carried in the affirmative to appropriate Five Hundred Dollars in addition to the Five Thousand dollars already appropriated for a Schoole House and Lot at Farnums bille -

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant -
On Motion voted to Authorize the Selectmen to prosecute All Violators of the Law relating to the Sale or Use of Intoxicating Liquors -

Took up the Fourth Article in the Warrant.
On Motion of A. M. Bigelow it was voted to continue the Under drain in the new road leading from Grafton Common to Worcester from its present termination near the house of S. H Hayward to a point at or near the northerly line of said Common and that a Committee of three be chosen by nomination at large to carry the same into effect -
Then by nomination chose A M Bigelow Samuel Harrington and Seth J Axtell said Committee

All Articles in the Warrant having been acted upon the Meeting was dissolved -

Attest

James W White Town Clerk -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the Second Tuesday of September A D 1871

Whereas Upon the petition of Jonathan D Wheeler and fifty Six Others, representing that the public convenience and necessity require that a new Highway be laid Out and constructed from the bridge in the County road in Upton in said County between the residence of Arba Wood and the residence of Orlorous Taft. in a Northwesterly direction in the Town of Upton and Grafton in said County. to a point in the County road on the northerly line of the Grafton Common so called between Warren Block and the Store of Harrington and Nichols.

Due proceedings having been had thereon it was adjudged by said County Commissioners at a Meeting by them held on the fourth Tuesday of December A D 1868 and by adjournment on the thirtieth day of December A D 1868. that common convenience and necessity require that a new highway be laid Out, located and constructed from the Bridge in the County road in the town of Upton in said County between the residence of Arba T Wood and the residence of Orlorous Taft. in a Northwesterly direction, in the towns of Grafton and Upton in said County to a point on the County road on the Northerly line of Grafton Common so called between Warren Block and the Store of Harrington and Nichols.

It is thereupon Ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein that said commissioners will hold a Meeting at the house of Hon. Orlorous Taft in Upton in said County on Monday the 30th day of May A D 1870. at two of the Clock in the afternoon by publishing an attested Copy of said Adjudication and of this Order thereon in the Worcester Evening Gazette, a Newspaper printed in Worcester in said County. Once in a week three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at at least. before the day last aforesaid -

And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy Serve the Town Clerks of the said Towns of Grafton and Upton with an Attested Copy of said adjudication and Order thirty days at least. and also post Up an Attested copy thereof in two public places in said Towns of Grafton and Upton fourteen days at least

before the day last aforesaid. At which time and place the said Commissioners will proceed to lay Out. locate and Establish said County road. And to hear all persons and Corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard thereon. and to asses such damages as any person or Corporation may sustain by reason of the location and construction of said road as aforesaid. And to do whatever else may legally be done in the premises—

The County Commissioners having met. at the time and place. and for the purposes before mentioned and being Satisfied that legal notice had been given to all persons and Corporations interested. and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon. proceeded to Examine the route set forth in said adjudication. but Owing to Other Engagements of the Commissioners the meeting was adjourned to May 31st A D 1871 at two of the Clock P. M. and at the house of Delorous Taft— The Commissioners having met at the time and place of adjournment again adjourned to June 12th A D 1871. at One of the Clock P M at the house of Delorous Taft— The Commissioners having met at the time and place of the last adjournment, and having Examined the route described in the adjudication and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon. proceeded forthwith to layout and locate a highway as follows to wit— x x x x x x x x— to Stone Monument No 36. at Stake 101. Thence North 10° 5' West. 41 feet to Stake No 102. Same course 35 feet to Stake No 103 Same course 58 feet to Stake No 104. From Stake No 98. to a point 8 feet East of Stake No 104 the location is Over land of William Farrington. Thence Same Course 79 feet to Stake No 105 Same course 73 feet. to Stake No 106. Same course 20 feet. to a point on the line between Upton and Grafton—

Thence in Grafton North 40° 60' West. 83 feet to Stake No 1. Same course 60 feet. to Stake No 2. From a point 8 feet East. of Stake No 104. to a point 17 feet. West of Pin No 1 the location is all over land of Arba T Wood. Thence same Course 62 feet. to Stake No 3. Same Course 56 feet. to Stake No 4. Same Course 56 feet to Stake No 5. Same course 52 feet. to Stake No 6. Same course 50 feet to Stake No 7. Same course 59 feet. to Stake No 8 Same course 49 feet to a Stone Monument. set in the ground and numbered 1 at Stake No 9

From a point 41 feet East of Pin No 2. to 20 feet West of Pin No 8. the location is Over land of William Knowlton.

From a point 20 feet West of pin No 8. to Monument No 1 the location is over a Town road called the Tim Fisher road - Thence North 36° 26' West, 53 feet to Stake No 10 Same course 52 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered two at Stake No 11- Thence North 25° 30' West, 60 feet to Stake No 12, Same course 53 feet to Stake No 13, Same course 53 feet to Stake No 14, Same course 52 feet to Stake No 15 Same course 57 feet to Stake No 16; Same course 49 feet to Stake No 17 Same course to Stake No 18. 49 feet. Same course 52 feet to Stake No 19 Same course 57 feet to Stake No 20. Same course 52 feet to Stake No 21. Same course 50 feet to Stake No 22. Same course 62 feet to Stake No 23 Same course 60 feet to Stake No 24. Same course 56 feet to a Stone Monument set in the Ground and Numbered 3 at Stake No 25. Thence North 20° West 56 feet to Stake No 26. Same course 57 feet to Stake No 27. Same course 57 feet to Stake No 28. Same Course 57 feet to Stake No 29. Same course 50 feet to Stake No 30. Same course 57 feet to Stake No 31. Same course 54 feet to Stake No 32. Same course 56 feet to Stake No 33. From Stake No 9, at the "Tim Fisher road" to a point 5 feet W. of Stake No 32 the location is All over land of Thorndike Leonard - Same course 48 feet to Stake No 34. Same course 57 feet to Stake No 35. Same course 58 feet to Stake No 36. Same course 52 feet to Stake No 37. Same course 55 feet to Stake No 38. Same course 53 feet to Stake No 39. From a point 5 feet West of Stake No 32. to 5 feet West of Stake No 39. the location is Over land of Levi N Leland. Same course 61 feet to Stake No 40. Same course 56 feet to Stake No 41. Same course 50 feet to Stake No 42. Same course 55 feet to Stake No 43. Same course 58 feet to Stake No 44. Same course 61 feet to Stake No 45 Same course 49 feet to Stake No 46. From 5 feet West of pin 39. to Stake No 46. the location is Over land of Joel Eaft. Same course 37 feet to Stake No 47. From Stake No 46 to Stake No 47. the location is Over land of James Bulger Same course 63 feet to Stake No 48. Same course 57 feet to Stake No 49. Same course 65 feet to Stake No 50. Same course 63 feet to Stake No 51. Same course 57 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 4. at Stake No 52. Thence North 22° 28' West 60 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 5 at Stake No 53. Thence North 26° 30' West, 66 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 6. at Stake No 54- Thence North 36° 45' West, 53 feet to Stake No 55. Same course 47 feet to Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 7 at Stake No 56. Thence North 33° West 55 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and Numbered 8 at Stake No 57.

Thnce North 36° 50' West. 60 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 9 at Stake No 58. Thnce North 40° 40' West. 56 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 10. at Stake No 59. Thnce North 45° 31' West 49 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 11 at Stake No 60 -

Thnce North 57° 05' West. 58 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 12 at Stake No 61. Stone Monument No 12 is in the County road aforesaid. From Join No 47 to a Joint 12 feet west of Stake No 60 the location is over land of Thondike Leonard. Thnce North 55° West. 45 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 13 at Stake No 62 - Thnce North 64° 32' West. 50 feet to Stake No 63 - Same course 62 feet to Stake No 64 Same course 62 feet to Stake No 65 - Same course 65 feet to Stake No 66. Same course 77 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 14 at Stake No 67. Thnce North 67° 20' West 60 feet to Stake No 68. Same course 81 feet to Stake No 69. Same course 79 feet to Stake No 70. Same course 62 feet to Stake No 71 Same course 56 feet to Stake No 72 - From Stake No 60 to Stake No 64 on the South Side the location is a Small part over land of said Leonard. The rest over said County road - From Stake No 64 to Stake No 72 a Small portion of location on the South Side is Over land of William Fiske, the rest is Over Said County road -

Thnce Same course 75 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 15 at Stake No 73. Thnce North 67° 15' West 56 feet to Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 16. at Stake No 74 - Thnce North 62° 20' West 71 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 17 at Stake No 75. Thnce North 51° 30' West. 63 feet to Stake No 76 Same Course 61 to Stake No 77 Same course 67 feet to Stake No 78 Same course 80 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 18. at Stake No 79. - Thnce North 34° West 32 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 19 at Stake 80. Stone Monument No 19 Stands by the Kittville Pond. Thnce North 1° 25' West. 29 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and Numbered 20 at Stake No 81 -

From Stake No 72 to Monument No 20 the location is Over the Aforesaid County road. Thnce North 9° 35' East. 31 feet to Stake No 82. Same Course 49 feet to Stake No 83. Same Course 56 feet to Stake No 84 Same Course 45 feet to Stake No 85 Same Course 54 feet to Stake No 86. Same course 66 feet to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 21 at Stake No 87. - Thnce North 16° East 53 feet to Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 22 at at Stake No 88 Thnce North 22° 11 East 50 feet to

a Stone Monument Set in the ground and Numbered 23 at Stake No 89. Thence North 27° 05 East 51 feet to Stake No 90. Same Course 53 feet to Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 24 at Stake No 91. Thence North 16° 25 East. 62 feet to Stake No 92 Same Course 55 feet to Stake No 93. Same course 63 feet to Stake No 94 Same course 64 feet to Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 25 at Stake No 95. Thence North 16° 15 East. 56 feet to Stake No 96 Same Course 60 feet to Stake No 97. Same Course 47 feet to Stake No 98. Same course 250 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 26 at Stake No 99. Thence North 22° 50' East. 53 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 27 at Stake No 100. Thence North 31° 25 East. 64 feet to Stake No 101. Same Course 56 feet to Stake No 102. Same Course 54 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 28 at Stake No 103. Thence North 25° 15 East. 49 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and Numbered 29 at Stake 104, Thence North 16° 26' East 46 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 30 at Stake No 105. Thence North 0° 35' East. 47 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 31 at Stake No 106. From Stake No 81 to a point 34 feet North of Stake No 106 the location is Over land of Jotham Tafft. Thence due North 56 feet to Stake No 107 Same course 54 feet to Stake No 108. Same Course 63 feet to Stake No 109. Same course 57 feet to Stake No 110. Same course 56 feet to Stake 111 Same course 64 feet to Stake No 112 Same course 59 feet to Stake 113. Same course 65 feet to Stake No 114. Same course 65 feet to Stake No 115 Same course 54 feet to Stake No 116. Same course 48 feet to Stake No 117. Same course 49 to Stake No 118. Same course 45 feet to Stake No 119. Same Course 51 feet to Stake No 120. Same course 33 feet to Stake No 121. Same course 36 feet to Stake No 122 Same Course 31 feet to Stake No 123. Same course 31 feet to Stake No 124 Same course 30 feet to Stake No 125. Same course 31 feet to Stake No 126. Same course 30 feet to Stake No 127 Same course 40 feet to Stake No 128. Same course 49 feet to Stake No 129. Same course 48 feet to Stake No 130. Same course 53 feet to Stake No 131 Same course 47 feet to Stake No 132. Same course 52 feet to Stake 133 Same course 52 feet to Stone Monument Set in the ground and Numbered 32 at Stake No 134 Thence North 8° 45' East forty five feet to Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 33 at Stake No 135. Thence North 15° 35 East forty feet to Stake No 136. - From a point 34 feet North of Stake No 106 to Stake No 136, the location is Over land of George M Dunn.

Thence North 15° 35' East. 47 Jnt to Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 34 at Stake No 137. Thence North 11° 40' East 46 Jnt to a Stone monument set in the ground and numbered 35. at Stake No 138. Thence North 4° East. 37 Jnt to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 36 at Stake No 139. Thence North 6° 25' West 34 Jnt. to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 37 at Stake No 140 Thence North 11° 25' West 35 Jnt to Stake No 141 Same course 36 Jnt to Stake No 142. Same course 35 Jnt. to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 38. at Stake No 143 Thence North 15° 50' West. 40 Jnt to Stake No 144. Same course 46 Jnt to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 39 at Stake No 145. Thence North 24° 02' West 34 Jnt to a Stone Monument set in the ground and numbered 40 at Stake No 146. Thence North 31° 30' West. 35 Jnt to Stake No 147. Same course 33 Jnt to Stake No 148 Same course 40 Jnt to Stake No 149. Same course 77. Jnt. to Stake No 150 Same course 51 Jnt. to Stake No 151. Same course 43 Jnt to Stake No 152 Same course 50 Jnt. to Stake No 153 Same Course 54 Jnt. to Stake No 154 Same course 42 Jnt to Stake No 155

From a point 16 Jnt North of Stake No 136. to a point 12 Jnt. north of pin No 155. thy location is Over lands of heirs of Thaddeus Reed. Thence Same course 39 Jnt to Stake 155½. Same course 45 Jnt. to Stake No 156 Same course 41 Jnt to Stake No 157. Same course 44 Jnt to Stake No 158. Same course. 44 Jnt to Stake No 159. From a point 12 Jnt north of pin No 155 to Stake No 159 the location is partly Over land of Reed Heirs and partly over land of William Fisk. Thence Same course 43 Jnt. to Stake No 160 at the Jerry Flagg Road so called. From Stake No 159 to Stake No 160. is Over land of Arad Aldrich. Thence Same course 55 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 41 at Stake No 161. Thence North 38° 38' West. 49 Jnt to Stake No 162 Same course 61 Jnt to Stake No 163. Same course 50 Jnt to Stake No 164. Same course 65 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 42 at Stake No 165. From pin No 160. to Stake No 165 the location is partly over land of Arad Aldrich on the north side the rest is over said Flagg road. Thence North 41° 55' West. 48 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 43 at Stake No 166. Thence North 55° 16' West 54 Jnt to Stake No 167. Same course 57 Jnt to Stake No 168 Same course 47 Jnt to Stake No 169 Same course 43 Jnt to Stake No 170. Same course 39 Jnt to Stake No 171

Same course 38 feet to a Stone Monument No 44. at Stake No 172
Thence North 51° 20' West 51 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground
and Numbered 45 at Stake No 173. Thence North 46° 50' West 42 feet
to Stake No 174. Same course 38 feet. to Stake No 175. Same course
42 feet to a Stone Monument. Set in the Ground and numbered
46 at Stake No 176. Thence North 43° 08. West. 48 feet to a Stone
monument Set in the ground and numbered 47 at Stake No 177
Thence North 30° 35' West 47 feet to Stake No 178. Same course
52 feet to Stake No 179. Same course 54 feet. to Stake No 180.
Same course 49 feet to Stake No 181. Same course 52 feet to
a Stone Monument. Set in the ground and numbered 48 at
Stake No 182 Thence North 30° West. 53 feet to Stake No. 183
Same course 54 feet to Stake No 184 Same course 48 feet to
Stake No 185. Same course 57 feet to Stake No 186. Same course
62 feet to Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered
49 at Stake No 187 Thence North 31° 15 West. 50 feet to a Stone
Monument Set in the ground and numbered 50. at Stake
No 188. Thence North 37° 20' West. 48 feet to a Stone Monument
Set in the ground and numbered 51 at Stake No 189. Thence
North 39° 50' West 57 feet to Stake No 190 — Same course 44 feet
to Stake No 191. Same course 45 feet to Stake No. 192. Same
course 46 feet to Stake No 193. Same course 47 feet to State No
194. Same course 52 feet to Stake No 194½. Same course 63 feet
to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 52 at
Stake No 195. √ From Stake No 165. to Stake No 195 the location
is partly over Said Town road and partly over land of Silas
E Stone. Thence North. 48° 10' West. 75 feet to Stake No 196
Same course 60 feet. to Stake No 197. Same course 48 feet. to
Stake No 198. Same course 55 feet. to Stake No 199. Same
course 63 feet to Stake No 200. Same course 55 feet. to State
No 201. From Stake No 195. to 8 feet South of Stake No 201
the location is all Over land of Silas E Stone — Same course
74 feet to Stake No 202. Same course 73 feet. to a Stone
Monument Set in the ground and numbered 53. at Stake
No 203 Thence North 53° 35' West 54 feet. to a Stone Monument
No 54 at Stake No 204 Thence North 60° 10' West. 52 feet to a
Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 55 at
Stake No 205. Thence North 67° 40' West. 43 feet to a Stone
Monument Set in the ground and Numbered 56. at Stake
No 206 — Thence North 76° 40' West. 37 feet. to a Stone Monument
Set in the ground and numbered 57 at Stake No 207 —
Thence North 85½ 55' West. 43 feet. to a Stone Monument
Set in the ground and numbered 58. at Stake 208. Thence
South 86° West 46 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground

and numbered 59 at Stake No 209. Thence South 78° 05' West 42 Jnt. to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 60 at Stake No 210. Thence South 74° 10' West 52 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 61 at Stake 211 Thence South 71° 25' West. 50 Jnt to a Stone monument imbedded in the ground and numbered 62 at Stake No 212. Thence South 68° 25' West. 49 Jnt. to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 63 at Stake No 213. Thence South 63° 20' West 83 Jnt. to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 64 at Stake No 214. Thence South 58° 30' West 52 Jnt to Stake No 215. From a point 8 Jnt. South of Stake No 201. to Stake No 215 the location is All Ovn Land of John O Rufe. Same course 53 Jnt. to Stake No 216. Same Course 53 Jnt to Stake No 217. Same Course 55 Jnt. to Stake No 218. Same course 58 Jnt to Stake No 219. Same Course 50 Jnt to Stake No 220. Same course 49 Jnt to Stake No 221. Same course 52 Jnt. to Stake No 222. Same course 46 Jnt to Stake No 223 Same course 48 Jnt to Stake No 224 Same coure 36 Jnt to Stake No 225. Same course 49 Jnt to Monument Set in the ground and numbered 65 at Stake No 226 Thence South 72° 12' W. 41 Jnt to Stone monument Set in the ground and numbered 66 at Stake No 227. Thence South 84° 05' W. 30 Jnt to Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 67 at Stake No 228. Thence North 85° 20' West 45 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 68 at Stake No 229. From Stake No 213 to Six Jnt East of Stake No 229 the location is ovn land of Wm H Brown. Thence North 82° 30' West. 50 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 69 at Stake No 230. Thence North 78° 28' West 62 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbed 70 at Stake No 231. Thence North 74° 47 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 71 at Stake No. 232. Thence North 68° West. 51 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and Numbered 72 at Stake No 233 Thence North 61° 26' West 57 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 73 at Stake No 234. Thence North 55° 8' West. 48 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 74 at Stake No 235. Thence North 50° West. 55 Jnt to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 75 at Stake No 236. Thence North 48° 40' West. 52 Jnt to Stake No. 237. Same course 58 Jnt. to Stake No 238. Same course 46 Jnt. to Stake No 239. Same course 47 Jnt to Stake No 240 Same course 48 Jnt. to Stake No 241. Same course 48 Jnt to Stake No 242. Same course 46 Jnt to Stake No 243. Same

course 53 feet to Stake No 244 Same course 37 feet to Stake No 245. From a point 6 feet East of Stake No 229 to a point five feet west of Pin No 245 the location is over land of John O'Kufe Thence Same course 41 feet to Stake No 246 From a point five feet West of Stake No 245 to a point 10 feet North of Stake No 246 the location is Over said Town road. Same course 42 feet to Stake No 247 Thence Same course 52 feet to Stake No 248 Same course 48 feet to Stake No 249. Same course 55 feet to Stake No 250 Same course 46 feet to Stake No 251. Same course 49 feet to Stake No 252. Same course 52 feet to Stake No 253 Same course 57 feet to Stake No 254. Same course 40 feet to Stake No 255. Same course 56 feet to Stake No 256. Same course 55 feet to Stake No 257 Same course 60 feet to Stake No 258. Same course 47 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the Ground and numbered 76. Thence North 48° 30' West 57 feet to Stake No 260. Same course 56 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 78. at Stake No 261 Thence North 50° 45' West 60 feet to Stake No 262 Same course 58 feet to Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 79 at Stake No 263. Thence North 60° 35' West 52 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 80. at Stake at Stake No 264. Thence North 63° 15' West 59 feet to Stake No 265. Same course 47 feet to Stake No 266. Same course 52 feet to Stake No 267 Same Course 69 feet to Stake No 268. Same course 81 feet to Stake No 269 Same course 57 feet to Stake No 270. Same course 40 feet to Stake No 271. Same course 67 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 81 at Stake No 272 Thence North 75° 40' West 53 feet to Stake No 273 Same course 66 feet to Stake No 274 Same course 65 feet to Stake No 275. Same course 67 feet to Stake No 276. Same course 70 feet to Stake No 277. Same course 47 feet to Stake No 278 Same course 49 feet to Stake No 279. Same course 50 feet to Stake No 280 Same course 52 feet to Stake No 281. Same course 34 ± to Stake No 282. Same course 46 feet to Stake No 283 Same course 55 feet to Stake No 284 Same course 46 feet to Stake No 285 Same course 57 feet to Stake No 286. Same course 53 feet to Stake No 287 Same Course 57 feet to Stake No 288.

From a Point 16 feet north of Stake No 246 to Stake No 288. the location is wholly over Land of Michael O'Kufe

Thence Same course 55 feet to Stake No 289. Same course 57 feet to Stake No 290. Same course 46 feet to Stake No 291 Same course 52 feet to Stake No 292. Same course 40 feet to Stake No 293. Same course 60 feet to Stake No to Stake No 294 Same course 45 feet to Stake No 295 Same course 41 feet to Stake No 296 Same course 49 feet to Stake No 297 Same course 38 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and

Numbered 82. at Stake No 298 thence North 86° 25' West 33 feet to Stake No 299. Same course 40 feet to Stake No 300 Same course 45 feet to Stake No 301 Same course 49 feet to Stake No 302 Same course 54 feet to Stake No 303 Same course 51 feet to Stake No 304 Same course 50 feet to Stake No 305 Same course 50 feet to Stake No 306. Same course 51 feet to Stake No 307. Same course 51 feet to Stake No 308. Same course 49 feet to Stake No 309. Same course 49 feet to Stake No 310. Same course 47 feet to Stake No 311 Same course 47 feet to Stake No 312. Same course 41 feet to Stake No 313. Same course 147 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and Numbered 83. at Stake 314 Stone Monument No 83 is at the westerly terminus of the location and is on the East line of Grafton Common and is 4 50 feet from the South west corner of the "Hassanamisco House" so called in Grafton centre. From Pin No 288. to Stone Monument No 83 the location is wholly over land of Lovell Baker Said road in whole extent is thirteen hundred and Sixty three (1363) rods in length. 373 rods 7 feet in Upton and 989 rods 9½ feet in Grafton. Said road in its entire length is laid Out and located three rods in width with the exception of that portion between Stake 313 and Stake No 314 where it is three rods in width at Stake No 313. diverging to 68 feet wide at Stake No 314 or at Stone Monument No 83. on the Southerly Side of the metes and bounds aforedescribed and adjoining thereto. with an additional width of two rods laid out and located between Stake No 30 and Stake No 32 on South Side of the location. Also an additional width of 3 rods laid Out and located on the South Side of the location between Stake No 39 and Stake No 42. Also an additional width of 3 rods laid Out and located on the North Side of the location between Stake No 74 and Stake No 78. Also an additional width of 5 rods laid Out and located on the North Side of the location between Stake No 99 and 102. and adjoining the location Also an Additional width of 4 rods laid Out and located between Stake No 231 and Stake Stake No 237 on the north Side of the location and adjoining thereto. These additional widths and Set offs. are for the purpose of Obtaining materials for the construction and Maintainance of the new Highway.

In widening the road between Stone Monument No 1 and Monument No 2 in Upton Care must be used not to Obstruct the flow of water Either in Warren Brook so called or West River so called. and in filling up of Either Way

must be widened to the same width that they are filled up

The Bridge over the Canal of Arba S Wood must be so constructed as to pass the full capacity of water that runs in said canal

County Commissioners having heard all persons and Corporations entitled to damage who desired to be heard thereon considered and adjudged that the following sums be paid to the Several persons herinafter named in full compensation for all damages which they will Sustain by the location and construction of Said road to wit

Merrill Bakes	the Sum of	Three Hundred	Dollars.
James Colbert	" " "	Three Hundred	"
William Farrington	" " "	Forty	"
Thorndike Leonard	" " "	Six Hundred	"
Levi H Leland	" " "	One Hundred & Twenty five	Dollars
Joel Taft	" " "	One Hundred & Twenty Five	"
James Bulger	" " "	Five	"
Jotham Taft	" " "	Two Hundred and Fifty	"
William Fish	" " "	Forty	"
George M Dunn	" " "	Four Hundred	"
Heirs of Thaddeus Read	the Sum of	Fifty	Dollars.
Asael Aldrich		fifteen	"
John O Keefe	" " "	Five Hundred	"
Silas E Stowe	" " "	Two Hundred	"
Wm H Brown	" " "	Fifty	"
Michael O Keefe	" " "	Six Hundred Fifty	"
Lovell Baker	" " "	Seven Hundred	"
Daniel Lincoln	" " "	Eighty	"
S. N. Heywood		Ten	$4390— "

And now it is Ordered that the Said Towns of Upton and Grafton cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the Said Towns of Upton and Grafton to be worked, made, and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner and as follows to wit The Said road must be thoroughly ploughed where ploughing is practicable and be thoroughly cleared of Stones, Stumps and roots. The Top Soil, where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road must be removed Out of the travelled way, or may be used in Embankment if it be So placed as not to be within twelve inches of the Surface of the road when finished.

Where the materials within the traveled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road and the Sub Soil under the Same is of a Loamy or clayey Character a Top covering of at least 8 inches of

good gravel or Some Other good material (the best that can be Obtained in the vicinity whether within or without the location of the road,) will be required over the whole width of 20 feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the Sub Soil is Sand the said traveled part of the road after being properly graded must be uniformly covered over its whole width with a coat of Loam four inches thick and afterwards with a top covering of Eight inches of good gravel or Some Other good material Spread evenly over its whole Surface. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the Exteriour of the Sides of the traveled part thereof to its centre to the height of 15 inches. And the traveled part thereof must be worked to the width of 20 feet Exclusive of the Side Slopes and the ditches, So that Carriages and teams may pass with Safety and convenience over any and Every part of the 20 feet aforesaid. The said traveled part of the road must be worked in the centre of and parallel to its location without any regard to the additional widths laid Out for materials in constructing the road Except near its Angles which must be judiciously rounded So as to render its turnings as gradual and Easy as practicable. In grading the road care must be Exercised to avoid unnecessary undulations and in no instance can an Angle of Ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater Magnitude than as hereafter Mentioned. The Side ditches where they are needed must be constructed entirely without the traveled part of the road of 20 feet as aforesaid and must be made by Sloping from the Exteriour line of the traveled part of said road two and a half feet at an Angle of twenty four degrees or two and one half feet Slope to One foot rise. To be measured horizontally with the base or cord line of the crown of the road. They must be worked parallel with the centre line or longitudinal axis of the traveled part of the road without unnecessary curvatures in their directions and must gradually descend with a Smooth Even Surface in the direction of the road towards the point of discharge in Such manner that no water can permanently Stand by the road Side. Over Swamps or Meadow land where the road is made by Embankment and is liable from its weight to Settle or Sink through the Mud the Side ditch will in no instance be Allowed. On the Sides of Hills where the road is made partly by Embankment and partly by Excavation the road must be crowned in manner before mentioned from the edge of the interiour Slope of the ditch on the uphill Side to the centre. And from thence to the Exterior or down hill Side must be made nearly or quite level.

Where the road is constructed wholly by Embankment, the Exterior sides of the traveled part must be raised Eight inches above the grade thereof. All Side Excavations or Embankments where the materials are of a loamy or adhesive character must be made at an angle not Exceeding forty five degrees. Where the materials are loose gravel or Sand the angle must not Exceed thirty degrees from a horizontal line or two feet Slope to One foot rise. Said road must be firmly and Substantially railed where railing is necessary for the Safety and convenience of the traveller. The railing must consist of Straight handsome Chestnut or Cedar poles, not less in any part than Six inches in diameter, and be Securely fastened with iron bolts to Stone posts two feet high above the face of the road not less than Eight inches in diameter and embedded in the Earth or Embankments not less than three feet and not more than twelve feet distant from Each Other from centre to centre. Good Sound Chestnut or Oak Joists, not less than four and One fourth inches Square may be Substituted for the Chestnut or Cedar Poles aforesaid. Where the sides of Embankments are constructed or Secured with Substantial well laid Stone walls, Stones two feet high above the face of the road and not less than Eighteen inches in diameter at their base may be Substituted for the Stone posts aforesaid. All Joinings or Splicings of said railing must be made on the Summit or top of Some One of the Stone Supports aforesaid by chamfering the Joining Ends of Each of Said Poles or Joists at least One foot in length in Such Manner that the Chamfered Faces will fit and lie close together with the iron bolt aforesaid passing directly through the centre of said joining or Splicing. Or a Stone wall built in a Substantial, and workmanlike Manner two and One half feet high above the face of the road, not less than two feet in the Clear at its base, and fifteen inches at its top and placed on a good bank wall may be Substituted for the railing aforesaid.

In all places where it is necessary to have railing, the road if constructed of Earth Slopes must be worked Sufficiently wide to Allow the posts which Support said railing to be firmly and permanently placed in the embankment with with the interior or inside there of not less than three feet within the edge of the Slope of the Embankment and without in any Manner Obstructing or interfering with Said twenty feet for the traveled part of the road. Where the Sides of Embankments are constructed or Secured with Substantial well laid Stone walls-

instead of the Earth Slopes before mentioned (and where the materials can be Obtained at a reasonable Expense, this kind of Structure will be required) Said Walls must be battered back towards the Embankment, from a perpendicular line at the rate of two inches to One foot in height, the road need be worked to no greater width than twenty four feet on the top or face of the embankment, to furnish a firm Support to the railing and the twenty feet clear of all Obstructions for the traveled part of the road as aforesaid.

All bridges must be constructed with Substantial well laid Stone abutments and be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or Some Other good material and a crowning of the road of 15 inches in addition. Except the Span of the Arch or arches of a bridge each exceding three feet in the Clear when it may be covered with good Chestnut or White Oak three inch plank, Whenever a bridge is covered with plank the top of the planking must be at grade, and a continuous range of large flat Stones must be firmly imbedded upon each Side of the bridge for Securing the Edges of the plank against injury from wheels in their passage to and from said bridge.

All bridges must be made twenty four feet long measured at right Angles with the direction of the road and be Substantially and properly railed to the height of three feet, and to the width of not less than 20 feet, between the railings, clear of All Obstructions. All necessary Sluiceways must be made of the Same length as the bridge and be measured in the Same Manner, with good firm Straight Stone Sides or abutments not less than two feet apart and 18 inches high and be covered with the Same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or Some Other good material, and the road over Said Sluiceways must be crowned 15 inches in addition

The Owners of land Over which Said road is located retain the legal right to construct cattle culverts or farm bridges across and underneath the road for their accommo=dation and convenience provided they do not thereby increase the Ascent or descent in the grading of the road as hereafter described, and construct Said Culverts or bridges in Manner prescribed for the bridges, and the Said Culverts when placed in must forever after be maintained by Such Owners their Heirs or Assigns in good repair and in Such condition as to render them Safe and convenient for the travelers.

In grading the road aforesaid Care must be used

in front of any dwelling house or Other building where an Excavation is required to leave the Side bank thereof nearest Said building in the best Shape for placing in a Bank wall if the Owner of Said building Shall So elect. Otherwise So to Slope Such Side bank as to cause the least possible injury to Said building or the appurtenances thereto. provided however when Such passage way cannot be made Safe and convenient by Sloping as aforesaid. Culverts Shall be constructed for that purpose. Whenever an embankment is directed in front of a dwelling house or Other building it must be constructed and Sloped on that Side of the traveled way nearest Said building in Such manner as to render the road Safe without the aid of railing. (for in such case no railing can be allowed) and in Such manner as to leave all passage ways to and from Said building as perfect and as nearly in their present Shape as may be.

Trees that have been planted and reared beside the proposed traveled way by the Owners of land over which Said location is made, whether for the fruits they yield or the Shade and Ornament they furnish to the farms adjacent are not to be removed or injured unless the construction and Safety of the road absolutely require it.

And it is further Ordered that the grading of Said County road aforesaid which is within the towns of Upton and Grafton be So worked as not in any place to exceed the angles of ascent or descent from a horizontal line hereafter Mentioned. the grade pins are all placed in the centre of the location are all driven down to near the Surface of the Earth and the Summits or tops of Said pins are the points of admeasurement for ascertaining the Amount of Excavation or Embankment The Summits or tops of those pins that are at grade in connection with the line of inclination, represent the base of the traveled part of the road and the crowning of 15 inches required by this Order is in All cases to be considered as placed on or above the tops or Summits of Said pins and line.

The grade pins that are mentioned in this description as being numbered have a Stake driven by the Side of them bearing the Same number as the Side Stake. Opposite Said grade pin And accompanying Stake. The admeasurement is given in feet and the decimal parts of a foot. And Said grading is as follows to wit,

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From a point 5,46 feet above the top of pin No 107 to a point 1,69 feet above pin No 3. is level. Pin 1 in Brayton is on the line by pin No 107. Pin No 2 embank 3,69 ft. Pin No 3 embank 1,69 ft. From a point 1,69 feet above pin No 3 to a point 0,94 ft above the top of pin No 4 the inclination is 1° ascending. at pin No 4 Embank 0,94 ft. From a point 0,94 ft above the top of pin No 4 to a point 0,90 ft above the top of pin No 5 the inclination is 2° ascending. At pin No 5 embank 0,90 ft. From a point 0,90 ft above the top of pin No 5 to a point 0,35 ft below the top of pin No 9 the inclination is 2° 30' Ascending. at pin No 6 Excavate 0,16 ft at pin No 7. Excavate 1,02 ft at pin No 8 Excavate 2,71 ft at pin No 9. Excavate 0,53 ft. From a point 0,35 ft. below the top of pin No 9. to a point 1,05 ft below the top of pin No 14 the inclination is 1° 45' Ascending. At pin No 10 Embank 0,22 ft at pin No 11 Embank 1,72 ft. at pin No 12 Embank 2,30 ft at pin No 13 Embank 2,23 ft at pin No 14 Excavate 1,05 ft. From a point 1,05 ft below the top of pin No 14. to a point 0,33 feet above the top of pin No 22 the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending. At pin No 15 Excavate 1,60 ft at pin No 16. Excavate 1,30 ft. at pin No 17. Excavate 2,64 ft. at pin No 18 Excavate 1,13 ft. at pin No 19 Embank 2,62 ft. at pin No 20 Embank 3,09 ft. at pin No 21 Embank 1,55 ft at pin No 22 Embank 0,33 ft From a point 0,33 feet above the top of pin No 22 to a point 2,14 ft below the top of pin No 25 the inclination is 1° ascending at pin No 23 Embank 0,46 ft. at pin No 24 Excavate 0,44 ft at pin No 25 Excavate 2,14 ft. From a point 2,14 ft below the top of pin No 25 to a point 3,46 ft below the top of pin No 28 is level at pin No 26 Excavate 3,73 ft. at pin No 27 Excavate 3,88 ft at pin No 28 Excavate 3,46 ft. From a point 3,46 ft below the top of pin No 28 to a point 0,86 ft above the top of pin No 33. the inclination is 0° 30' Descending. At pin No 29. Excavate 2,81 ft. at pin No 30 Embank 1,22 ft. at pin No 31 Embank 1,73 ft. at pin No 32. Embank 2,24 ft at pin No 33 Embank 0,86 ft. From a point 0,86 ft above the top of pin No 33 to a point 2,51 ft below the top of pin No 46. is level. at pin No 34 Embank 2,14 ft. at pin No 35. Embank 2,95 ft. at pin No 36. Embank 2,57 ft. at pin No 37 Embank 2,95 ft at pin No 38 Embank 1,34 ft. at pin No 39. Embank 0,20 ft. at pin No 40. Excavate 4,29 ft. at pin No 41 Excavate 7,35 ft. at pin No 42 Excavate 9,36 ft at pin No 43 Excavate 8,18 ft. at pin No 44 Excavate 6,05 ft. at pin No 45 Excavate 7,18 ft. At pin No 46. Excavate 2,51 ft. From a point 2,51 ft below the top of pin No 46 to a point 3,48 ft above the top of pin No 48 the inclination is 1° descending. at pin No 47. Embank 1,70 ft at pin No 48 Embank 3,48 ft From a point 3,48 ft above the top of pin No 48 to a point 3,69 ft below the top of pin No 68 is level. at pin No 49 Embank 3,66 feet

at pin No 50. Embank 3,35 ft, at pin 51 Embank 2,79 ft. at pin 52 Embank 2,37 ft. at pin No 53. Embank 2,02 ft. at pin No 54 Embank 3,35 ft. at pin No 55 Embank 3,83 ft. at pin No 56. Embank 2,47 ft at pin No 57 Embank 1,31 ft at pin No 58. Excavate 0,56 ft. at pin No 59. Excavate 3,24 ft at pin No 60 Excavate 0,67 ft. at pin No 61. Embank 0,32 ft. at pin No 62. Embank 0,52 ft. at pin No 63 Embank 1,27 ft. at pin No 64 Embank 0,55 ft. at pin No 65 Excavate 1,00 ft. at pin 66. Excavate 2,22 ft. at pin No 67. Excavate 4,25 ft. at pin No 68. Excavate 3,69 ft. From a point 3,69 ft below the top of pin No 68. to a point 1,21 ft below the top of pin No 69. the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending. At pin No 69. Excavate 1,21 ft. From a point 1,21 ft below the top of pin No 69. to a point 0,28 ft above the top of pin No 70 the inclination is 1° Ascending. at pin No 70 Embank 0,28 ft. From a point 0,28 ft above the top of pin No 70 to a point 0,64 ft above the top of pin No 75. the inclination is 2° Ascending. at pin No 71 Embank 4,63 ft. at pin No 72 Embank 2,76 ft. at pin No 73 Embank 4,59 ft. at pin No 74 Embank 4,17 ft. at pin No 75. Embank 0,64 ft. From a point 0,64 ft above the top of pin No 75. to a point at grade at pin No 76. the inclination is 1° 30' Ascending. Pin No 76 is at grade. From grade at pin No 76 to a point 0,58 ft. above the top of pin No 79 the inclination is 0° 45' Ascending at pin No 77. Embank 0,34 ft. at pin No 78. Embank 0,88 ft. at pin No 79 Embank 0,58 ft. From a point 0,58 ft Above the top of pin No 79 to a point 0,44 ft below pin No 83 the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending. At pin No 80. Embank 0,92 ft. at pin No 81 Excavate 0,64 ft at pin No 82 Excavate 0,98 ft. at pin No 83 Excavate 0,44 ft. From a point 0,44 ft below the top of pin No 83 to a point 2,30 ft below the top of pin No 92. is level, at pin No 84 Embank 0,37 ft at pin No 85. Embank 1,52 ft. at pin No 86 Embank 1,84 ft at pin No 87 Embank 3,34 ft at pin No 88 Embank 2,24 ft at pin No 89 Excavate 2,38 ft, at pin No 90. Excavate 4,70 ft. at pin No 91 Excavate 2,40 ft at pin No 92 Excavate 2,30. From a point 2,30 ft below the top of pin No 92 to a point 3,10 ft below pin No 94 the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending. At pin No 93 Excavate 1,30 ft. at pin No 94 Excavate 3,10 ft From a point 3,10 ft below the top of pin No 94 to a point 3,22 ft below the top of pin No 95 is level. at pin No 95 Excavate 3,22 ft From a point 3,22 ft below the top of pin No 95 to a point 0,57 ft above the top of pin No 98. the inclination is 0° 30' Descending at pin No 96. Excavate 0,52 ft. at pin No 97. Excavate 1,39 ft. at pin No 98. Embank 0,57 ft. From a point 0,57 ft above pin No 98. and a point 1,71 ft above the top of pin No 99 is level at pin No 99. Embank 1,71 ft. From a point 1,71 ft above the top of pin No 99. to a point 1,28 ft below the top of pin No 100 the inclination is 0° 30'

Ascending. at pin No 100 excavate 1,28 ft From a point 1,28 ft below the top of pin No 100 to a point 0,05 ft below the top of pin 117 the inclination is 1° Ascending at pin No 101 Excavate 6,88 ft at pin No 102 Excavate 7,36 ft at pin No 103 Excavate 6,57 ft at pin No 104 Excavate 6,31 ft at pin No 105 Excavate 4,14 ft at pin No 106 Excavate 1,17 ft at pin No 107 embank 0,76 ft at pin No 108 Excavate 0,38 ft at pin No 109 Excavate 1,10 ft at pin No 110 Embank 3,21 ft at pin No 111 Embank 0,84 ft at pin No 112 Excavate 0,40 ft at pin No 113 Excavate 0,05 ft at pin No 114 Embank 2,44 ft at pin No 115 Excavate 1,58 ft at pin No 116 Excavate 0,78 ft at pin No 117 Excavate 0,05 ft. From a point 0,05 ft below the top of pin No 117, to a point 8,62 ft below the top of pin No 120 is level, at pin No 118 Excavate 2,07 ft at pin No 119 Excavate 5,35 ft. at pin No 120 Excavate 8,62 ft. From a point 8,62 ft below the top of pin No 120 to a point 4,98 ft above the top of pin No 129, the inclination is 1° Descending, at pin No 121 Excavate 7,77 ft at pin No 122 Excavate 3,17 ft at pin No 123 Embank 2,85 ft at pin No 124 Embank 7,19 ft at pin No 125 Embank 5,17 ft at pin No 126 Embank 5,37 ft at pin No 127 Embank 6,84 ft at pin No 128 Embank 4,98 ft. From a point 4,98 ft above the top of pin No 128 to a point 4,68 ft above the top of pin No 129, is level at pin No 129 Embank 4,68 ft. From a point 4,68 ft above the top of pin No 129 to a point 1,91 ft below the top of pin No 136 the inclination is 1° Ascending. at pin No 130 Embank 2,57 ft at pin No 131 Embank 1,42 ft. at pin No 132 embank 0,82 ft at pin No 133 Embank 1,19 ft at pin No 134 Excavate 1,99 ft at pin No 135 Excavate 2,52 ft. at pin No 136. Excavate 1,91 ft. From a point 1,91 ft below the top of pin No 136 to a point 1,69 ft below the top of pin No 138 the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending. at pin No 137 Excavate 3,16 ft at pin No 138 Excavate 1,69 ft. From a point 1,69 ft. below the top of pin No 138 to a point 2,69 ft above the top of pin No 151 is level, at pin No 139 Embank 0,15 ft. at pin No 140 Embank 0,35 ft. at pin No 141 Excavate 0,49 ft. at pin No 142 Excavate 1,21 ft. at pin No 148 Excavate 1,22 ft. at pin No 144 Embank 0,42 ft. at pin No 145 Embank 2,53 ft at pin No 146. Excavate 1,65 ft. at pin No 147. excavate 5,49 ft at pin No 148 Excavate 2,86 ft. at pin No 149 Embank 2,91 ft at pin No 150 Embank 2,71 ft at pin No 151 Embank 2,69 ft. From a point 2,69 ft above the top of pin No 151 to a point 0,90 ft below the top of pin No 156½ the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending at pin No 152. Excavate 2,76 ft. at pin No 153 Excavate 6,27 ft. at pin No 154 Excavate 6,68 ft. at pin No 155 Excavate 4,78 ft. at pin No 156 Excavate 1,43 ft. at pin No 156½ Excavate 0,90 ft. From a point 0,90 ft below the top of pin No 156½ to a point 3,00 above the top of 159 the inclination is 0° 45 Ascending. at pin No 157 Embank 1,04 ft at pin No 158 Embank 3,02 ft. at pin No 159 Embank 3,00 ft. From a point 3,00 ft above the top of pin No 159 to a point 1,35 ft abov

the top of pin No 161 is level at pin No 160 Embank 0,62 ft. at pin No 161 Embank 1,35 ft. From a point 1,35 ft above the top of pin No 161 to a point 0,93 ft. above the top of pin No 164 the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending. at Pin No 162 Excavate 0,61 ft at pin No 163 Embank 1,13 ft at pin No 164 Embank 0,93 ft. From a point 0,93 ft above the top of pin No 164 to a point 0,02 ft above the top of pin No 168 the inclination is 1° Ascending. at pin No 165 Excavate 0,43 ft. at pin No 167 Embank 0,91 ft at pin No 168 Embank 0,02 ft From a point 0,02 ft above the top of pin No 168 to a point 0,08 ft below the top of pin No 170 the inclination is 0° 30' Ascending, at pin No 169 Excavate 1,73 ft. at pin No 170. Excavate 0,08 ft. From a point 0,08 ft. below the top of pin No 170 to a point 3,38 ft above the top of pin No 181 is level. at pin No 171 Excavate 6,01 ft at pin No 172 Excavate 7,67 ft. at pin No 173 Excavate 2,78 ft at pin No 174 Embank 2,46 ft at pin No 175 Embank 1,03 ft at pin No 176 Excavate 1,29 ft at pin No 177. Excavate 1,08 ft. at pin No 178. Embank 0,51 ft at pin No 179 Embank 1,60 ft. at pin No 180 Embank 3,10 ft at pin No 181 Embank 3,38 ft. From a point 3,38 ft above pin No 181 to a point 0,56 ft above the top of pin No 184 the inclination is 1° Ascending at pin No 182 Embank 4,20 ft. at pin No 183 Embank 3,91 ft. at pin No 184 Embank 0,56 ft. From a point 0,56 ft above the top of pin No 184 to a point 0,60 ft below the top of pin No 191. the inclination is 2° Ascending. at pin No 185 Embank 1,16 ft. at pin No 186 Excavate 0,04 ft. at pin No 187 Excavate 2,57 ft. at pin No 188. Excavate 2,03 ft. at pin No 189 Excavate 1,68 ft at pin No 190. Excavate 1,22 ft. at pin No 191 Excavate 0,60 ft. From a point 0,60 ft below the top of pin No 191 to a point 0,22 ft below the top of pin No 194½ the inclination is 1° Ascending. at pin No 192 Excavate 1,00 ft at pin No 193 Excavate 1,59 ft. at pin No 194 Embank 0,39 ft. at pin No 194½ Excavate 0,22 ft. From a point 0,22 ft below the top of pin No 194½ to a point 2,51 ft above the top of pin No 199. the inclination is 1° 15 Ascending. at pin No 195 Excavate 0,74 ft. at pin No 196. Excavate 0,85 ft. at pin No 197 Embank 1,35 ft at pin No 198 Embank 2,42 ft at pin No 199 Embank 2,51 ft. From a point 2,51 ft above the top of pin No 199 to a point 2,48 ft below the top of pin No 204 the inclination is 2° Ascending. at pin No 200 Embank 3,34 ft at pin No 201 Embank 0,16 ft at pin No 202. Excavate 1,26 ft. at pin No 203 Excavate 2,48 ft at pin No 204 Excavate 2,48 ft. From a point 2,48 ft. below the top of pin No 204 to a point 3,52 ft. above the top of pin No 218. the inclination is 1° 45' Ascending. at pin No 205 Excavate 1,14 ft. at pin No 206 Excavate 0,49 ft. at pin No 207 Excavate 0,87 ft at pin No 208 Excavate 0,70 feet at pin No 209. Excavate 1,76 ft. at pin No 210 Excavate 2,94 ft at pin No 211 Excavate 4,05 ft. at pin No 212 Excavate 0,64 ft at pin No 213 Embank 0,44 ft

at pin No 214 Embank 1,84 ft. at pin No 215 Embank 3,76 ft at pin No 216 embank 3,77 ft. at pin No 217 Embank 3,83 ft at pin No 218 Embank 3,52 ft From a point 3,52 ft above the top of pin No 218 to a point 1,43 ft above the top of pin No 219 the inclination is 2° Ascending, at pin No 219 Embank 1,43 ft. From a point 1,43 ft. above the top of pin No 219 to a point 0,61 ft below the top of pin No 226 the inclination is 2°30' Ascending, at pin No 220 Embank 2,78 ft. at pin No 221 Embank 4,18 ft at pin No 222 Embank 3,21 ft, at pin No 223. Embank 2,41 ft at pin No 224 Embank 0,90 ft at pin No 225 Embank 0,96 ft, at pin No 226 Excavat 0,57 ft. From a point 0,57 ft. below the top of pin No 226 to a point 7,00 ft below the top of pin No 233 the inclination is 3° Ascending at pin No 227. Excavate 1,29 ft at pin No 228 Excavate 1,69 ft at pin No 229 Excavate 2,30 ft at pin No 230 Excavate 1,71 ft. at pin No 231 Excavate 4,96 ft. at pin No 232. Excavate 6,65 ft at pin No 233. Excavate 7,00 From a point 7 feet below the top of pin No 233 to a point 2,04 ft. below the top of pin No 237. the inclination is 2° Ascending, At pin No 234 Excavate 7,53 ft at pin No 235 Excavate 6,91 ft at pin No 236. Excavate 5,03 ft. at pin No 237. Excavate 2,04 ft From a point 2,04 ft below the top of pin No 237. to a point at grade at pin No 246 the inclination is 0°45' Ascending, at pin No 238 Embank 0,70 ft. at pin No 239 Embank 2,39 ft at pin No 240 Embank 4,97 ft. at pin No 241 Embank 5,73 ft at pin No 242 Embank 5,51 ft at pin No 243 Embank 5,37 ft. at pin No 244 Embank 4,65 ft. at pin No 245 Embank 3,20 ft. at pin No 246 is grade. From a point at grade at pin No 246 to a point 0,12 ft above the top of pin No 254 the inclination is 1°30' Ascending at pin No 247. Embank 2,26 ft at pin No 248 Embank 2,09 ft. at pin No 249 Embank 2,75 ft. at pin No 250 Embank 2,96 ft at pin No 251 Embank 2,93 ft. at pin No 252 Embank 2,57 ft at pin No 253 Embank 1,42 ft at pin No 254 Embank 0,12 ft. From a point 0,12 ft above the top of pin No 254 to a point 2,99 ft. below the top of pin No 259 the inclination is 0°30' Ascending, at pin No 255 Excavate 1,37 ft at pin No 256 Excavate 2,76 ft at pin No 257 Excavate 2,34 ft at pin No 258 excavat 2,55 ft at pin No 259 Excavate 2,99 ft. From a point 2,99 ft. below the top of pin No 259 to a point 2,77 ft below the top of pin No 261 is level. at pin No 260 Excavate 3,18 ft. at pin No 261 Excavate 2,77 ft. From a point 2,77 ft below the top of pin No 261 to a point 3,23 ft above the top of pin No 273 the inclination is 1° Descending— at pin No 262 Excavate 4,62 ft at pin No 263 Excavate 5,48 ft. at pin No 264 Excavate 5,03 ft at pin No 265 Excavate 4,81 ft. at pin No 266 Excavate 3,14 ft at pin No 267 excavate 2,10 ft at pin No 268 Excavate 1,19 ft. at pin No 269 Embank 0,76 ft at pin No 270 Embank 2,81 ft at pin No 271 Embank 2,81 ft at pin No 272 Embank 3,81 ft. at pin No 273 Empank 3,23 ft. From a point 3,23 ft above the top of pin No 273 to a point 2,43 ft above the top of of pin No 292 is level— at pin No 274 Embank 3,17 ft at pin

No 275 Embank 3,18 ft. at pin No 276 Embank 3,09 ft. at pin No 277 Embank 1,85 ft at pin No 278 Excavate 0,23 ft. at pin No 279 Excavate 0,07 ft. at pin No 280 Embank 1,53 ft. at pin No 281 Embank 1,48 ft at pin No 282 Embank 1,49 ft. at pin No 283. Embank 1,57 ft at pin No 284 Embank 0,69 ft at pin No 285 Embank 0,69 ft at pin No 286 Embank 1,10 ft at pin No 287. Embank 1,43 ft. at pin No 288 Embank 1,12 ft at pin No 289. Embank 1,29 ft at pin No 290 Embank 2,00 ft at pin 291 Embank 2,35 ft. at pin No 292 Embank 2,43 ft. From a point 2,43 ft above the top of pin No 292 to a point 1,19 ft above the top of pin No 300 the inclination is 0,25 Descending. at pin No 293. Embank 2,73 ft. at pin No 294 Embank 2,86 ft at pin No 295. Embank 2,94 ft. at pin No 296 Embank 2,82 ft. at pin No 297 Embank 2,90 ft at pin No 298 Embank 2,97 ft. at pin No 299 Embank 2,54 ft at pin No 300 Embank 1,19 ft From a point 1,19 ft above the top of pin No 300 to a point 1,09 ft below the top of pin No 310 the inclination is 1° Descending. at pin No 301 Embank 0,11 ft. at pin No 302 Excavate 1,46 ft. at pin No 303 Excavate 2,54 ft at pin No 304 Excavate 2,70 ft at pin No 305 Excavate 2,51 ft at pin No 306 Excavate 2,03 ft. at pin No 307 Excavate 2,43 ft at pin No 308. Excavate 2,21 ft. at pin No 309 Excavate 1,45 ft. at pin No 310 Excavate 1,09 ft. From a point 1,09 ft below the top of pin No 310 to a point 2,96 ft Above the top of pin No 312 is level. at pin No 311 Embank 1,88 ft. at pin No 312 Embank 2,96 ft From a point 2,96 ft above pin No 312 to a point 0,75 ft above the top of pin No 314 the inclination is 0°52 Ascending. at pin No 313 Embank 2,87 ft. at pin No 314 Embank 0,75 ft Grade pin No 314 is at the Westerly terminus of the Location —

And it is further Ordered that all roads croping, intersecting or connecting with the road aforesaid be so graded by raising or lowering the land at the points of their said crossing, intersections or connections therewith as to render them perfectly Safe and convenient for travelers passing thereon

And it is further Ordered that the said road be worked and made hard, Safe and convenient for travelers to pass and repass with their teams, Cattle Horses carts and carriages and that it be made and completed by the Towns of Upton and Grafton on or before the 1st day of October A D 1872 And it is further Ordered that that the term of Sixty days be allowed the several Owners of land over which said road is located to enable them to remove the wood, timber, trees and crops thereon Standing lying or growing. Delorous Taft one of the County Commissioners being a resident of Upton by the General Statutes was not qualified to act in the aforesaid adjudication and Silas Holman of Bolton one of the Special Commissioners was duly summoned by the major part of the Commissioners to appear and act in his place

A Copy Attest John A Dana Asst Clerk — A Copy Rec'd at 8 h 40 m A M October 30, A D 1871 Attest James R White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Seventh day of November next at nine O'clock in the forenoon it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said Month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth and for a Councillor for the third Councillor District and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District and for a county Commissioner for the County of Worcester and for two Special Commissioners and for four Commissioners of Insolvency; and for a Sheriff and for a Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester. and for a District Attorney for the Middle District. And for a Representative to represent the twelfth representative District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday in January next

The votes for All the above Officers will be received Open and Unfolded on One ballot, or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate ballots as best Suits the Voter Each Vote to Specify the Office voted for— The Polls will be Open to receive the votes for the Above Officers at ten O'clock A M. and may be closed at twelve Oclock—M.

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saundrys village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our Hands this twenty third day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One

W L Munyan
Joseph Adams
C C Willis
J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliot

} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton Nov 7th 1871

I have Served the Foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein Directed

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton—

A Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the Seventh day of November A D 1871 it being the tuesday next after the first Monday in Said Month.—

The Meeting was called to Order by W L Munyan Esq Chairman of the Selectmen. and on Motion of James W White it was Voted "That the Polls be closed at three Oclock this afternoon— At three Oclock in the afternoon the votes having all been given in and no one present expressing a desire to vote and no Objection being made the Polls were closed and the Votes assorted and counted were declared as follows—

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was four hundred forty four 444

William B Washburn of Greenfield had Two Hundred Seventy nine Votes 279

John Q Adams of Quincy had One hundred and Twenty Eight Votes— 128

Edwin M Chamberlain of Boston had twenty Eight Votes 28

Robert C Pitman of New Bedford had Nine Votes —9

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was Four Hundred and forty four— 444

Joseph Tucker of Lenox had Two Hundred and Seventy nine Votes 279

Samuel C Lamb of Greenfield had One Hundred and twenty Eight Votes— 128

Alden Deane of Westfield had twenty nine votes 29

Elijah alet Trask of Springfield had Eight votes 8

The whole Number of votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was four hundred and fifty 450

Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred and Eighty seven votes. 287

Luther Stephenson Jr of Hingham had One hundred and twenty Six votes. 126

Henry B Maglathlin of Duxbury had twenty nine votes 29

George I Ball of Upton had Eight votes 8

The whole number of votes for Treasurer and receiver General was four hundred and forty five 445

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had two hundred and Eighty One votes 281

Levi Heywood of Gardner had One Hundred and twenty Six votes 126

Henry T Delano of Charlestown had twenty nine votes 29

John J Baker of Beverly had Nine votes 9

The whole number of votes for Auditor of Accounts was four hundred and forty five 445

Charles Endicott of Canton had two hundred and Eighty two votes 282

Phineas Allen of Pittsfield had One hundred and twenty Six votes 126

George P Sanderson of Lynn had twenty nine votes 29

Ezra S Conant of Randolph had Eight votes 8

The Whole Number of Votes for Attorney General was four Hundred and thirty four 434

Charles R Train of Boston had Two Hundred and Eighty Votes 280

William Wirt Warren of Brighton had One hundred and twenty One Votes 121

George L Ruffin of Boston had twenty Six Votes 26

Samuel T Field of Shelburne had Eight Votes 8

The whole Number of Votes for Councillor for the third Councillor District was four hundred and twenty four 424

Milo Hildreth of Northborough had two hundred and Ninety Six Votes 296

Henry A Aldrich of Mendon had One hundred and twenty Six Votes 126

E B Stoddard of Worcester had two Votes 2

The Whole Number of Votes for Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District was four hundred thirty four 434

Samuel M Griggs of Westboro had One Hundred and fifty Votes 150

J H Wood of Grafton Had Two Hundred and Seventy Six Votes 276

Charles Wing of Uxbridge had One Vote 1

George F Clark of Mendon had Seven Votes 7

The Whole Number of Votes for Sheriff for Worcester County was four hundred and forty five 445

Augustus B R Sprague of Worcester had three hundred and fourteen Votes 314

Sheriff

L B Jaquith of Fitchburg had One hundred and twenty four votes 124

Moses Johnson of Worcester had Seven votes 7

The whole Number of votes for Clerk of the Courts for Worcester County. was four hundred forty five. 445

Joseph Mason of Worcester had four hundred and Sixteen votes 416

John A Dana of Worcester had twenty nine votes 29

The whole Number of votes for District Attorney for the Middle District was four hundred forty five 445

William W Rice of Worcester had two hundred and Eighty nine votes 289

W A Williams of Worcester had One hundred and fifty Six votes 156

The whole Number of votes for County Commissioner was four Hundred thirty Eight 438

William O Brown of Fitchburg had two hundred and Sixty Six votes 266

Henry E Hill of Gardner had One hundred and thirty four votes 134

John Hill of No Brookfield had thirty seven votes 37

Joseph A Dodge of Grafton had One vote 1

The whole Number of votes for Special Commissioner was four hundred and thirty four 434

Silas Holman of Bolton has two hundred and Sixty five votes 265.

Henry E Rice of Barre had Two hundred and Eighty two votes 282

Hammond Bowen of Brookfield had One hundred Six votes 106

B B Nourse of Westboro had one hundred two votes 102

George A Craid had thirty votes 30

John A Taft had had thirty votes 30

John McClellan of Grafton had Sixteen votes 16

The whole Number of votes for Representative to represent the twelfth District in Worcester County in the General Court to be holden in Boston the first Wednesday of January next was four hundred thirty three 433

George F Slocomb of Grafton had three hundred fifty five votes 355

Levi J Heminway of Shrewsbury had Seventy Eight votes 78

The Vote of the Town of Shrewsbury was for
George F Slocomb One hundred and Sixteen 116

Levi J Heminway One Hundred and Eight 108

Slocomb	Heminway	
355	78	471
116	108	186
471	186	285

George F Slocomb was Elected by a Majority of two hundred Eighty five votes 285

A True Record
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the twenty first day of November Current at two Oclock in the Afternoon to Act on the following articles to wit

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting –

Art 2d To see what action if Any the Town will take with reference to a new road recently laid Out by the County Commissioners from Upton to a point on the Northerly line of the Common in the Centre of Grafton between Warren Block and the Store of Harrington and Nichols –

" 3d To See if the Town will accept of a Town way laid Out by the Selectmen for the use of the Town near the "Catholic Church" in Grafton or Act thereon –

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of Holding said Meting –

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid –

Given under Our Hands this Eleventh day of November in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy One

W L Munyan
Joseph Adams
J W McKenzie
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton November 21st 1871

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting Up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of Holding said Meeting as therein directed –

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton – A Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the twenty first day of November A D 1871 at two Oclock in the afternoon and transacted the following business viz'

1st By Ballot chose Silas E Stowe Moderator. check List used

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and on motion of J D Wheeler it was voted to defer action on this Article until the Annual Town Meeting in March next.

Took up the third article in the Warrant.

The Selectmen presented their Report of the layout of a Town way for the use of the Town near the "Catholic Church" in Grafton which was accepted as follows viz -

We the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid Out for the use of Said Town a Town Way as follows, Beginning at a hole drilled in a Stone Monument on the Southerly Side of West Street near a corner of land Owned by the Catholic Society and Opposite Said Society's Church and running by said land South 1° 30 East (285) Two hundred and Eighty five feet to land of Andrew Kerr. Said Town way is laid Out two rods wide and is On the westerly Side of Said line, And we Award no damage for land Over Said route and no damage was claimed

W L Munyan
Joseph Adams
J W McKenzie
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton Nov 13th 1871

The foregoing Report of the lay Out of a town way by the Selectmen was deposited in the Town Clerks Office in Said Grafton at 7h P M November 13th A D 1871

Attest James W White Town Clerk

A Copy

Attest James W White Town Clerk

On Motion voted to adjourn this meeting until Monday the fourth day of March next at two Oclock in the afternoon

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifteenth day of January current at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

" 2d To See what action if any the Town will take with reference to a Suit brought against the Town by Abbie M White of Grafton a Minor under the age of twenty One Years who brings the action in the name of Stephen R White of said Grafton her Father and next friend —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our hands this Sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy two

W L Munyan
Joseph Adams
J W McKenzie
} Selectmen of Grafton

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed —

Attest S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant and Constables return

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton On Monday the fifteenth day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and Seventy two at two Oclock in the afternoon, and transacted the following business viz—

1st By Ballot chose A M Bigelow Moderator (Checklist Used)

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. S A Knowles moved that a Committee be chosen to Settle with "Miss White" after some Explanation by the General School Committee, an Amendment to Mr Knowles' Motion was Offered By James W White that a committee be chosen to defend the Suit brought against the Town by Miss Abbie M. White, which amendment was accepted by Mr Knowles and on being put to vote was carried in the affirmative with but One dissenting Vote—

Then voted that the Committee Consist of three members to be nominated by the moderator.

The Moderator nominated Rufus E Warren Jonathan D Wheeler, and James W McKenzie for said Committee who were by vote of the Town Chosen to that Office.

and the meeting was then dissolved

A True Record James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday, the fourth day of March next at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, to Act on the following articles, to wit.

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2d To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the year Ensuing—

Art 3d To hear the Reports of the Several Town Officers and Committees and Act thereon

Art 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges the Ensuing Year—

Art 5th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make appropriations of the Same and act thereon—

Art 6th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector and Act thereon—

Art 7th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the Dead the ensuing year and act thereon

Art 8th To See what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year Ensuing and act thereon—

Art 9th To See if the Town will accept of the the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or Act thereon.

Art 10th To determine where within the Town the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year—

Art 11th To See if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M and at nine Oclock P M or act thereon.

Art 12th To See if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapt 158 Statutes of 1871. Or act thereon -

Art 13th To See what Action the Town will take with reference to a new road laid Out by the County Commissioners from Upton line to the Common in the Centre of the Town of Grafton -

Art 14th To See if the Town will accept a Town road laid Out by the Selectmen for the use of the Town. From near the House of Nelson Goulett by the Saw Mill of Sullivan Dadmun to the New England and Westboro road near Waterville School House or act thereon -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said meeting -

Hereof Fail Not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under Our Hands this twentieth day of Febuary in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy two

W L Munyan
Joseph Adams
C C Willis
J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliott
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 4th 1872

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting Up an Attested Copy there of at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of Holding Said meeting as therein directed -

Attest S D Hall Constable of Grafton
A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of March A D 1872 at nine Oclock in the forenoon and transacted the following business Viz

First By Ballot Chose S D Hall Moderator. Check List two

Second On Motion of James W White it was Voted that the Votes for Town Clerk, five Selectmen, Town Treasurer Three Assessors, Three Overseers of the Poor One General School Committee for three Years, One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery, One Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery, One Common Committee and Seven Constables be brought in on One Ballot and that the Polls for the Chose of said Officers be closed at One Oclock this afternoon.

Between Eleven and twelve Oclock Simeon E Crowell mooved to reconsider the vote whereby it was decided to close the Polls at One Oclock this afternoon, Upon which Motion the Vote being taken it was decided Not to reconsider

At One Oclock P M. the Polls were closed and the Votes assorted and counted. the following persons were declared Elected to the Several Offices for which they were candidates Each receiving the number of Votes set against their Names as follows For Town Clerk James W White had three hundred and twenty two being the entire number of Votes Cast for that Office. he was declared Elected and was then and there duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office by S D Hall Moderator

For Selectmen J—— W McKenzie had One hundred and Eighty Votes and was Elected 180
Aaron Elliott had One hundred and seventy two Votes and was Elected 172
Hon A. M. Bigelow had two hundred and twenty five Votes and was Elected (95) 225
J H Wood had two hundred and twenty three Votes, and was Elected. 223
Geo F Jourdan had two hundred and twenty three Votes and was Elected 223
Franklin Baldwin had One hundred forty five Votes 145
James A Morse had One hundred forty Six Votes 146
J K Axtell had One Vote Geo F Hoconst had one Vote

J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliott
Hon A M Bigelow
J H Wood
G F Jourdan

Selectmen Elect. came forward and were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their office and immediately Entered upon the Same.— (It afterwards appeared that Hon A M Bigelow J H Wood and Geo F Jourdan Each had Ninety five votes that were not reckoned in the number of votes declared for them, being Overlooked in making up the accounts)

For Town Treasurer. Rufus E Warren had three hundred and twenty three votes. and was Elected that being the Entire number of votes cast. and the same day was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

For Assessors. G C Taft had three hundred and twenty five votes and was Elected, 325

G C Taft. Sworn March 29th 1872 By James W White Town Clerk.

Barnabas Newton had three hundred and twenty four votes and was Elected. 324

B Newton was Sworn March 29th 1872. By James W White Town Clerk

A. W Rice had One hundred and Eighty One votes and was Elected and Sworn to the 181

discharge of his Office by J W White Town Clerk April 1st 1872

Luther K Leland had One hundred and forty two votes 142

For Overseers of the Poor J G Putnam had Three hundred and twenty four votes and was Elected 324

(Sworn March 7th 1872 by J W White Town Clerk)

Hollis Chamberlin had One hundred and Seventy Six votes and was Elected sworn March 8th /72 176

L L Mason had three hundred and twenty One votes and was Elected, (Sworn March 7th By Town Clerk) 321

Horace Batchelor had One hundred forty seven votes 147

For General School Committee for three years
F A Jewett had One hundred Ninety Seven
Votes and was Elected 197

J H Windsor had One hundred Sixteen Votes 116

For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery
John Whitney had three hundred and
twenty three Votes and was Elected 323
but declined Serving – whereupon it was
Voted to defer the choice of Trustee until an
adjourned Meeting

For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery
S H Knowlton had three hundred and
twenty three Votes and was Elected 323

A Getchell had One Vote 1

For Common Committee
J D Wheeler had three hundred and twenty One
Votes and was Elected (receiving the Entire Vote) 321

For Constables
James Gleason had three hundred and nineteen
Votes and was Elected (Sworn March 7th by S Clark) 319

L M Bassett had had three hundred and
twenty Votes and was Elected Sworn March 25/72 320
by J W White Town Clerk
H H Lady had three hundred and fourteen
Votes and was Elected (Sworn March 13th 1872 By Town Clerk) 314

S D Hall had three hundred Seventeen Votes
and was Elected (and Sworn by Town Clerk March 4th) 317

J H Chickering had three hundred and
Eight Votes and was Elected (Sworn April 5th 1872) 308
By J W White Town Clerk
A J Ford One hundred and Eighty Votes
and was Elected 180

L. L. Davis had One hundred and Seventy nine Votes
and was Elected 179

S E Crumb had One hundred forty One Votes 141
Jos Knowles had One hundred forty three Votes 143
Herbert Allen had One Vote 1
S F Searle had One Vote 1

On Motion Voted to choose the remaining Town Officers necessary to be chosen by nomination -

Voted to Choose Six Field Drivers for the Ensuing Year
Then by nomination Chose
William S Bruce
A L Fisher
Frank Carroll
William Bradley
George Dearborn
Henry Wesson
Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing -

On Motion Voted to choose three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing. Then by nomination Chose
George M Dinn.
Perley Goddard
Joseph Adams.
Fence Viewers for the Ensuing Year, who Severally Signified their acceptance of the Office to which they were Chosen and were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of it duties by S D Hall Moderator

By nomination chose Benjamin Kingsbury Poundkeeper who declined the office - Then on Motion Voted that the Selectmen Appoint a Pound Keeper -

On Motion Voted to choose two Surveyors of Lumber for the Ensuing Year. Then by nomination Chose
John M Davenport
Reuben Taft (Sworn by Moderator in open Town meeting)
Surveyors of Lumber for the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Ensuing Year.

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing —

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen appoint the remaining Town Officers which may be by law appointed

Took up the third Article in the Warrant,

The Several Town Officers and Committees (Except the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery) having prepared their Reports and caused the same to be Printed, in which Several Errors appeared and were corrected — A motion was made to accept the Printed Reports as corrected and the Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery as presented in writing — After Some remarks upon the printed reports it was On Motion Voted that the Report of the Overseers of the Poor be re-committed — to be Audited by the Selectmen and presented at an adjourned Meeting — after Some further remarks it was on Motion Voted that All the reports be laid over until the adjourned Meeting —

On Motion Voted to pass Over the fourth Article in the Warrant for the present —

Took up the Twelfth Article in the Warrant

Chapter One hundred and fifty Eight Statutes of 1871 was then read by the Moderator, and on Motion it was Voted that the Town accept the provisions of Said Chapter

Then on Motion Voted to defer the choise of Commissioners provided for in Said Chapter until an adjourned Meeting and that the Selectmen have charge of the Roads until Such commissioners are Chosen —

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted to raise by Tax on the Polls and Estates of the Town the Sum of Twenty three Thousand Six hundred (23600 00) Dollars to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to Appropriate One thousand three hundred and ten (1310 00) dollars to pay interest on Town Debt

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Five Thousand (5000.00) dollars for Common Schools the Ensuing Year —

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Two Thousand Three Hundred (2300.00) Dollars for High and Grammar School the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for the Fire Department (1500.00) the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Five Hundred (500.00) Dollars for Rent of Town Hall the Ensuing Year —

On Motion Voted to Appropriate One Thousand (1000.) dollars for the Payment of Town Bond No 5. Five percent —

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Four Hundred dollars and the "Surplus Dog Fund" received from the County Treasurer for the Town Library for the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to Appropriate Three Hundred (300.00) Dollars for Apparatus for the High School —

On Motion Voted to defer the Appropriation for Highways until an adjourned Meeting —

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to allow no Discount on Taxes the Ensuing Year — and that All Poll Taxes be collected on demand — and that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the First day of October next — and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be subject to an addition of One percent per Month until paid and all legal cost for collecting — The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all Money by him collected. One in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bill

On Motion Voted to fix the Compensation of the Collector by putting the Collecting of the Taxes up at Auction to the lowest Bidder. which was accordingly done and taken by Barnabas Newton at Fifteen Sixteenths 15/16 of One percent — no One Offering to collect for less than that Sum —

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot chose Barnabas Newton Collector of Taxes for the Ensuing Year. who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator —

Took up the fourteenth Article in the Warrant —

The Selectmen presented a plan and Report of the Lay Out of a Town Road from near the House of Nelson Goulette - by the Saw Mill of Sullivan Dadmun to the New England and Westboro road near Waterville School House which was refered to the present Board of Selectmen to ascertain the probable cost of constructing the to report at an Adjourned Meeting —

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to leave the compensation of Sexton for burying the dead the Ensuing Year with the Selectmen to fix —

Took up the Eighth article in the Warrant. and On Motion voted to Allow Firemen the same compensation for the Year Ensuing that was Allowed them the past Year. which was Ten Dollars for the Year and a like proportion for a Shorter term of Service —

Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant.

The List of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box. was presented and amended by Eracsing the name of Samuel E Leland who had removed from Town and Substituting therefor the name of Noah K Merriam. and then accepted as follows. viz Seth J Axtell C D Aldrich Joseph Adams J K Axtell Horace Batchelor John W Bigelow Horatio Cogswell J. H. Chickering Warren Campbell Francis Carroll Loren S Davis John M Davenport Samuel N Eaton Aaron Elliot Ezekiel Fowler Charles Fowler George W Fisher A L Fisher George A Fay. Henry C Fuller J J Goodrich A.G. Getchell James Gleason J G Hall W B Johnson M A Keith Samuel C Knowlton Lewis N Leland F M Marble James W McKenzie Henry Mann Noah K Merriam George K Nichols J P Newton George R Newton Henry G Prentice A W Rice Geo H Rugg Silas E Stowe

Oscar Stratton George F Slocomb Seth Stockwell
J D Wheler C C Willis D Austin Whitney
Rufus E Warren Charles H White Daniel Whitney
Frederick Waterman A R Wakefield -

Took up the Tenth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the High School be kept in the Centre of the Town as usual the Ensuing Year

Took up the Eleventh article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause One of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at twelve Oclock M- and at nine Oclock P M. the Ensuing Year -

Took up the Thirteenth Article in the Warrant, a Motion was made that a Committee of three be Chosen to build the road refered to in this Article after some discussion. an Ammendment was offered and carried in the affirmative that the Selectmen take charge of Subjects contained in in this Article -

Adjourned to the first Monday in April next at One Oclock in the afternoon -

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

In accordance with a Vote of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton passed at their Annual Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers and the Transaction of Other Annual Town business held on the fourth day of March A D 1872. The Selectmen of Said Town at a Meeting held for that purpose March 1872 have appointed the following Town Officers for the year Ensuing – viz

For Sealer of Weights & Measures –

James W White Sworn March 1872 By J H Wood Justice of the Peace

For Measurers of Wood & Bark

A J Hall
David Fisher
E Fowler
C C Willis
L H Bigelow
Elijah Potter
E O Lindley

For Weighers of Hay & Coal

Samuel Harrington
Geo H Nichols
G C Taft
C C Willis
Elijah Potter
C W Campbell

For Sextons

James Gleason
F N Hall
L H Bigelow

Grafton April 1st 1872

Pursuant to adjournment from March 4th 1872. The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of April A D 1872 at One Oclock in the afternoon it being the first Monday in said Month.

The Meting was called to Order by S D Hall Moderator and the following business was transacted

1 Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. and by Ballot chose Truman M Marble, Truster of Riverside Cemetery in place of John Whitney chosen March 4th Declined Serving,

By Ballot Chose Aaron Elliott Truster of Pine Grove Cemetery for two Years in place of Noah Frost resigned

None of the Field Drivers chosen March 4th having accepted the Office. On Motion it was Voted to reconsider the Vote passed that day to have Six Field Drivers the Ensuing Year

Then On Motion Voted to choose by nomination ~~Four~~ Field Drivers for the Ensuing Year. and by nomination Chose

H M Smith
Albert Bradish — Sworn July 20th 1872 By James W White Town Clerk
J H Pickering
A D Shattuck

Field Drivers for the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to pass Over the Choice of Highway Commissioners for the current Year. and leave the repairing of the Highways in the Hands of the Selectmen

Took up the 3d Article in the Warrant.

The Overseers of the Poor having amended their Report and the Same having been Audited by the Selectmen it was accepted as follows —

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Inventory as follows Feb 20th 1872.

12	Tons English Hay	$384,00
3½	" Swale "	63 00
4	" Meadow "	50,00
¾	" Straw	15,00
¾	" Husks	7,00
4	Oxen	350 00
7	Cows	350 00
1	Ayrshire Animal	75,00
6	Cows	240 00
1	Horse	125 00
2	Swine	40 00
9	Hens	2,25
2	Ox Wagons	100 00
1	Sleigh	20,00
3	Ladders & Hooks	15,00
5	Ploughs	35 00
	Cultivator & Harrow	15,00
3	Road Ploughs	50,00
1	Ox Scraper & 3 road Scrapers	40,00
2	Wagons & Harnesses	125,00
	Ox Yoke & Hay Cart	22,00
2	Sleds & 2 Horse Rakes	75,00
2	Ox Carts	80,00
	All Other Farming Tools	135,00
40	Bushels Corn	36,00
3	" Beans	6,00
70	" Oats	42,00
8	" Rye	7,00
50	" Swede Turnips	12,50
175	" Potatoes	122 50
2½	" Beets	250
400	lbs Pork & Hams	60,00
	Groceries On Hand	29,50
	House hold Furniture	450,00
1800	feet of Lumber	36,00
410	Rail Road Ties	160,00
100	Posts	1600
215	Logs 19.350 feet	370,00
55	Cords Wood	175 00
		3928 45

Due From the State	7671
" " Quincy	1314
" For Milk	11625
" From Sundry persons	8880
Cash on hand	8546
	$4308,81

Receipts

For Stock Sold	$243,00
" Milk "	603,66
" Wood "	205,20
" Grain "	6564
" Beef "	193,59
" Team on Road work	27,20
" Debts due	41406
" Men & Team	3575
" Calves Sold	138,97
" Pasturing	1950
" Other Products of Farm	5474
" Keeping Peddlers	12,25
" Use of Ayrshire Animal	1900
" Lumber Sold	142,38
From Town Treasurer	1600,00
Total Receipts	$3774,94

Expenditures away from Farm as follows

Daniel F Brooks & Wife		$27,00
Francis Terrill at State Reform School		28,25
Henry Smith		3,00
Daniel Kelligan		10,00
Baldwins Place, Home	Jennings Boys.	50,00
Augustus Runick		19,75
Betsey Prentice		39,00
State Hospital	Sally Jennings	199,25
"	Shepard Cooper	187,00
John Aldrich		19,44
Mrs Wm S Gates		21,26
Samuel Cisco		2,00
Hollis M Rose		53,95
Henry Prentice		14,50
Mrs A Ladutke		4,00
John Kane		24,75
John Hitching		4,60
Joseph W Baker		81,26

over

Mrs Mc Keefes Children	$13 94
Mrs C Tucker	8 00
Daniel G Fairbanks	12 75
Alice A Thornton	9,00
Rice Boy to Monson	4,10
Felix Morway	53,79
Mason A Morse	15,00
L White for putting up Vagrants at Farnums Bills	4,00
Burial Expenses of Reuben Bootiette	10,30
" " " John 2 Adams	8 00
" " " Nelson Bootiette	10,00
" " " Asa Capsroot	12,00
" " " A Corey	8 00
" " " Paul Labree	8 00
" " " Joseph W Baker	10,50
Paid for Examination of Records & Traveling Expenses in paupers cases	18 75
" Postage & Stationary	3 00
	198,24

Paid at Farm

Paid W Landers Salary	600,00
" For Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	512 28
" " Stock	65 00
" " Groceries	268,32
" " Dry Goods	64 95
" " Plaster and Other fertilizers	64 79
" " Meat	273.59
" " Fish	31 29
" " Farming tools	20 11
" " Blacksmithing	46 09
" " Burial Expenses of John Briggs	11 00
" " Sawing Lumber	45,98
" " Crockery Glass & Hard ware	34 35
" " Baskets & Wooden ware	11,62
" " Meal	84 63
" " Seed Potatoes	17,97
" " Salt	5 35
" " Horse Hire	14 25
" " Grinding Grain	10 73
" " Ice	2 44
" Dr T T Griggs for Bills from May 15th 1870 balance Overseers on last Years Act	99 00
" for Amount paid Out more than received	10 72
" Interest on W Landers Salary (600$) from April 1st 1870 to February 21st 1871	32 10

Paid for Western Corn for planting	$ 104,7
" " Garden Seeds and Plants	6,37
" " Hay	53,24
" " Repairing Pumps & Harness	8,00
" " Repairs on Buildings	81,25
" " Pasturing Steers	52,00
" " Cart	20,00
" " Clothing of Inmates	23,10
" " Apples	4,25
" " Services of Overseers	100,00
Cash On Hand	83,46
	$277,10

Inventory February 22	1871	$540,76
" " 20	1872	430,81
" Less than Last Year		$109,95

There has been paid into the Town Treasury by the Sale of R Road Ties and debts collected $414,65

Whole number Supported or Assisted on the Farm during the Year 304 - of this number 195 have been lodged and 102 have had meals - number of weeks board 209 Number of Persons at the Alms House at the present time 6. - Charles Hayden, Mrs Betsey Harrington, Joseph B Duncan, Daniel F Brooks - Ellen Brooks & Child - In consequence of the depreciation of the value of Stock, The wear and tare of farming implements, the decrease of the Amount of produce and $6,56 - less road work than we had last Year. Our inventory is much less than in Our last report -

There will be due Mr Kelly and man on the 1st of April $500

1870 Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary was $ 507 -

1871 " " " " " " 654

There has been purchased for House, Dry Goods Crockery & Glass ware to the Amount of $120,92 without any increase of inventory of Household furniture, There has also been a deduction on Stock and farming implements on the same items that were in Our last Years invoice of 463

Paid Mr	Man to April 1st 1872	$ 54,62
Mr Kelly has paid out for Labor since April 1st 1871		457,66
		$512,28

Respectfully Submitted James G Putnam
Hollis Chamberlin
Stephen R White
Town Clerk

Overseers of the Poor

A Copy Attest James W White

J F Searle Agent for the Sale of School Books in the Town of Grafton Submitted his Report which was Accepted as follows viz

Town of Grafton in Acct with
J F Searle Book Agent
Cr

By Books on hand Feb 17th 1871		$125.64
" Cash " " " "		20 53
" Cash Rec of Town May 2. 1871		100 00
" " " " Oct 17 "		100 00
" " " for Books Sold		653,35
		$999,52
Dr Cash Paid for Books	632,60	$999 52
" " Agents Salary	65 33	000 00
Text Books & Books given to the Poor	44 58	
Books On hand	213 39	
Cash in hands of Agt	43 62	
	$999,52	

J F Searle Agt
A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Selectmen presented their Report which was Accepted as follows-

Selectmens Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 4th 1872 Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town. They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of Said Town and find his Account correct and as follows-

Dr

To cash received from all Sources as per Report of Treasurer $44,100,91

Cr

1871 Paid for Common Schools	$5713,97	
" " School House at Saunders bills	239 33	
" " " " at Farnums bills	600,00	
" " " " Lot at Farnums bills	175 00	
" " Repairs & Fuel	315 55	
" " " On Academy	200,00	
" " Alterations & Fixtures in Grammar School	612 90	
" Reuben Taft. Plan of School House	6,00	
" D W Norcross Repairs	290 77	$8153,52

High School

1871					
June 12.	Paid	D M Norcross		$	2 18
" 30	"	E Malley			420 00
" 30	"	J E Warren			168 00
July 1	"	F T Pierce			19 00
Sept 29	"	H Tatlock			135 00
Oct 28	"	H Tatlock			135,00
Nov 25	"	Miss Dennis			21,00
" 25	"	H Tatlock			135 00
" 25	"	J E Warren			132 00
1872 Feb 16	"	J E Warren			120,00
" 16	"	H Tatlock			371,25
" 16	"	Miss Dennis			132 00
					1809,43

Fire Department

1871				
May 5	Paid	J W McKenzie	$ 1504,06	
Sept 18	"	G F Jourdan	82,57	
Oct 23	"	" " "	142,50	
Nov 21	"	" " "	258 58	
1872 Feb 9	"	" " "	113,37	
" " 21	"	" " "	35 25	
			$2,136,47	

Highways

Paid Repairs on Highways			3.127.29	
" " "			840	$ 3,135,69

Bridges

Paid Repairs on Famums ville Bridge			$ 24,44

Overseers of the Poor

March 31.	Paid	J G Putnam.	$600,00	
May 2	"	" " "	100,00	
Oct 21	"	" " "	200,00	
1872 Jan 23	"	" " "	100 00	
" Feb 16	"	" " "	350 00	$ 1350,00

Library -

July 14	Paid	H F Wing.	244,12	
Sept 23	"	" " "	300.00	524,12

Sextons

March 31	Paid	F N Hall	8,00	
May 8th	"	James Gleason	3060	
July 19	"	" "	3840	

over

Oct.	3d	Paid	James Gleason	$57,40	
"	12	"	F N Hall	15,00	
Nov	30	"	James Gleason	24,60	
1872 Feb	16	"	F N Hall	9,00	
" "	20	"	L H Bigelow	106,60	
" "	20	"	James Gleason	3740	$327,00

School Committee

April	3	Paid	A J Bates	$78,25	
"	4	"	W D Wheeler	20,00	
"	11	"	John Goodwin	49,00	
"	11	"	D W Norcross	66,00	
"	17	"	J W Bigelow	25,00	
"	21	"	J H Windsor	86,59	$324,84

Military Expenses

July	3	Paid	J F Searle	$101,50	
Nov	30	"	J F Searle Pay Roll	696,00	$797,50

Assessors

Feb	9	Paid	G. C. Taft Services	$86,10	
"	20	"	S D Hall "	4000	126,10

Miscellaneous

March	9th	Paid	C E Warren Printing Reports	$ 118,04
April	3	"	A H White Ringing Bell	25,00
May	2	"	J F Searle	100,00
June	9	"	S Dingmon Sealer of Weights & Measures	12,00
"	19	"	J A Goddard for Land	150 00
"	21	"	Richard Odlum for Land	150 00
"	21	"	E R Fiske postage	2,50
Aug	29	"	W.S. Wood Special police	5 00
"	29	"	L Farwell	10 00
Sept	5	"	J H Windsor printing	10,00
Oct	2	"	A H White Ringing Bell & repairs	2625
"	12	"	J F Searle School Books	100,00
"	25	"	Harrington & Nichols Bill Supplies	250,00
Nov	6	"	L M Gassett Police	5,00
"	8	"	Thomas Aldrich, Painting Guide Boards	10,00
"	"	"	Dr F A Jewett med. Attendance	15 00
"	1	"	A J Marble Surveying road	5,00
Dec	2	"	Saml Harrington road Drain	37,50
"	4	"	J Adams Mowing Grave Yard	20,00
"	5	"	J Adams Damage & Crumpsitte Team	3750

1872 Jan	12th	Paid J H Chickering police	$	5,00
"	13 "	J B White Coal		44,45
"	11 "	Thomas Cusick		100,00
" Feb	5 "	C H C White supporting watering place		5,00
"	12 "	Aaron Elliott glide Boards		10 10
"	20 "	S D Hall Services as Constable		32,00
"	" "	James W White Services.		363,81
"	" "	L H Bigelow repairs		2,25
"	" "	Bacon & Aldrich's Bill by J Adams		22,00
"	" "	C C Willis Pd Congdon & Young damage		13,00
"	" "	B Newton Collecting Taxes		261,08
"	21 "	R E Warren paying State Aid		50,00
"	" "	Selectmens Services		200,00
"	" "	T K Whittemores Bill		15 00
			$	2,552 13

Total Amount of Selectmens Orders $ 21,281.61
Other Sums paid as per his report $ 21 671 93
Total Amt Paid $ 42,953.54.

Amount Recived 44,100,71
Amount Paid 42953 54
Amt in Treasury $ 1,147,17

Liabilities of the Town

Town Bonds	5 per cent	$ 18,000,00
"	6 per cent	6,000 00
	Accrued Interest	210,00
	Due Agent of Town Farm	500 00
		$ 24,7 10.00

Resources of the Town -

Uncollected Taxes	1870	677.08	
"	1871	1,480,84	
United States 5-20 Bond		1000.00	
Town farm & Buildings		6000,00	
Personal Property on Farm		4311.22	
Cash items in hands of Overseers		295,70	
Three Fire Engines & Fixtures		2,000.00	
One Hook & Ladder Carriage		300,00	
" High School Building & Land		4,000,00	
" Lock Up		500.00	
" Hearse House		400,00	
Furniture & Fixtures in Office		300 00	
Due from State for State Aid		1421 05	
School Houses & Land		22,000 00	
Amt in hands of Treasurer		1,147,17	$ 45,833,01

We respectfully Submit the following Estimates for which the Town Should provide by Tax or Otherwise in 1872

Interest on Town Debt	$1310 00	
Appropriation. Common Schools	5000.00	
" High & Grammar "	1800,00	
" Fire Department	1500.00	
" Rent of Town Hall	500,00	
" Repairs of Highways	3000 00	
" Town Bond No 3 5 pr cent	1000 00	
Other Town Charges & Expenses	9,400 00	20,000,00

We would Suggest the probable necessity of Building a Bridge at Farmums ville and the building or repairing of the Stone Bridge at Saunders ville the present Year

At the following named places Guide Boards are Erected and maintained within the Town viz—

At the corner of the roads near Warren Block. near J D Wheeler's near Silas Vintons, near William Wallaces near Edward Fakey's Barn Northerly of the House of Geo F Jourdan. near the Indian Burying-ground. near the Farmums ville School House. near the Store of A Morse & Sons. near Jefferson Billows. near Farmumsville Depot near Charles McNamara's near William Holbrooks, near H T Eddys. near Saunders Store. near J McClellans at the corner of the roads north East from L W Brigham's near Charles Daniels; at Each of the corners northerly of the Old burying ground. near Quinsigamond House N E Village. near Widow H B Fairbanks. near the Dexter Hathaway place. near the House on Town Farm. near Meeting House N E village. near J W. Putnams. northerly of the House of J E Young— near Joseph Kimballs at two places between the last named places near Widow H J Pratts. near Capt Benjamin Aldrich near Henry Wessons On Barn of B W Fay near L N Lelands. Westerly of George Dunns. near John O Keefes near Joseph Bruces near the House of W A Fisk and near the House of Benjamin Bingsbury—

All of Which is Respectfully Submitted— W L Munyan

Joseph Adams
Aaron Elliott
J W McKenzie
C C Wiles
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy Attest James M White Town Clerk

The Collector of Taxes Submitted his Report which was accepted as follows

Collectors Report

The amount of Taxes Committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to Barnabas Newton Collector for 1871 is as follows viz

1871 August 21st	Town Grant	$ 20,000,00
"	County Order	2,692,22
	State Order	4,975 00
	Overlayings	253,13
Tax on Shares 1st Nat'l Bank Owned by Non residents of the Town		255 81
Tax on Shares 2nd Grafton Nat'l Bank Owned by Non residents of the Town		1027,62
	Total	29,203,68
Paid R & Warren at Sundry times as per Report		27,722,84
Leaving an Amount of Taxes Uncollected of		$ 1,480,84

against the following persons for the Amount Set against their respective names

Allen Thomas D	2 00	Clancy John	2 00
Allen Dr M H	2 00	Carroll Francis	22 82
Austin Sawyer	2 15	Cusick Thomas	10 51
Aldrich Charles C	7 60	Cassidy James	2 15
Bundy George H	77 32	Clark James M	2 10
Byron M. M.	2 20	Curran Patrick D	24 32
Brooks George B	2 00	Casey Maurice	2 00
Burke Augustus	2 00	Carll Solomon Estate of	65 36
Borcea Morgano	2 15	Daniels Sargent	2 00
Burnes Owen	2 00	Dupry Joseph	2 00
Baker Joseph W	2 00	Duguet Peter	2 00
Brooks Charles	2 00	Duguet Joseph	2 00
Ball Dexter D	2 00	Duguet Phillip	2 00
Bruno Oliver	2 00	Dunn Augustus	2 00
Bruce Joseph Son	78 79	Davidson William	2 00
Batchelder Charles M	36 57	Dow Vanburen	7 32
Burns Alanson C	3 14	Drake Lucy	11 70
Balcom Cassimier	12 79	Dwyer James G	2 00
Balcom Willard	2 00	Dumore George	2 00
Barret John	2 00	Dolan John	2 15
Corbin Samuel	5 04	Dwyer Michael	10 13
Claflin Charles	2 00	Dyette John	2 00
Crafts Mark	2 00	Dupry Joseph	2 00
Carter Sarah L	12 19	Dusor Joseph	2 00
Carter William	2 00	Davis James	2 84
Carter William H	2 00	Estes Charles D	2 00
Colson E J	2 00	Edwards Edward	2 00

Engle John	200	Lasher Casher	200
Emory Dexter	200	Lezart Edward	200
Fairbanks Daniel G	1887	Layden Patrick	710
Fishlock Simon	200	Laduke Albert	200
Fanning Michael	238	Leland Frank A	200
Forbush Curtis	3729	Lambert Joseph	200
Fitz Theodore	200	Lucas Exis	200
Fitzsimmons George	200	Macker Amariah	200
Fruman Charles	200	Mason Augustus	200
Fitzpatrick Thomas	3685	Moore George	200
Gayne Oliver	200	Macker George A	200
Goodrich Frank	200	Metavon Peter Jr	200
Gile Nelson	200	McComistry John	200
Gray Lorin	1492	McFarland Warren	200
Gay O L	200	Mulligan Michael	200
Grant Joseph H	200	Mitchell Henry	200
Goodhart M A	200	Mino Joseph	200
Gassett Reuben	200	Miner George B	200
Galliger John	200	Miner Charles	200
Gallger Hugh	200	Malhoit Lewis	276
Gayne Alex	200	Mcclure John	314
Gilyette William	200	Madigan George	200
Hayden Charles F	200	Minehan Dennis	200
Howarth James	200	McCarty M. H.	200
Horn John	200	Norcross Edward A	960
Harrington Lucinda Estate	1520	Norcross Josiah	268
Harrington Isaac E	200	Odlum John	200
Hudson A B	1150	Paine Lewis	200
Henry James	215	Plute Austin	200
Hubes Michael	200	Page Antone	200
Hitchens John	671	Provo A	200
Johnson Henry	230	Pickham Henry	200
Jenks Martin	200	Phelps John B	200
Jenkins Charles S	200	Putnam Alonzo	200
Kelly Patrick	200	Picture Levi	268
Kelley Michael	200	Pike Nelson	200
Kelly Thomas	5207	Pratt Richard H	200
Kelley Thomas	200	Pratt Luke C	200
Kelleher Daniel	200	Pike Albert W	276
Kane John	200	Pierce S. A.	2480
Kingston John S	4342	Prout Peter	215
Kennedy Michael	200	Phillips George W	732
Ly Wilcome	268	Pettis Frank	200
Lavrgy Isaac	215	Zeirke John	200

Quimm John	200
Read Michael	200
Reardon William	200
Roods Rufus A	200
Rivers L	200
Rimmey James	200
Ripley William	200
Roods Ephraim J	1597
Rowe John H	382
Rowe Mrs John H Estate of	3648
Rose Hollis M	200
Robinson Joshua	808
Riley Isaac	200
Read Thaddeus Heirs of	1368
Swift Alfred	200
Shavino Joseph	200
Swift Franklin	200
Stowe Sarah J	2843
Scott Robert	200
Shields Charles	200
Smith Henry H	200
Sheehan Michael	200
Tochy Joseph	200
Taft E A	200
Turner C C	200
Vaunelette Joseph	200
Vinal William A	200
Vincent Napoleon	200
Winter Bottom James	200
Wood Samuel	200
Whylock L S	515
Whylock Percis Estate of	4256
Wheeler Edmund F	6660
Walker Thomas J	200
Waters Andrew	200
Whitney E W	352
White Charles S	200
Wilson Alix	200
Whittemore N K	200
White Joseph	200
Wood William C	200
Willis Edward	200
Wheeler C W	200
Wheeler E P	200
Wadsworth Cyrus Exr of the Estate of Hannah Scott	4560
Young J. C.	9234

Non Residents

Allen Frederick	1368
Congdon Sam'l G	1064
Dolliver Joseph	76
Knowlton William	1824
Nourse Sarah	3192
Packard Sumner	3116
Sadler E B	76
Whitney Joseph	912
Bank Shares Est Saunders	2584
	148084

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Barnabas Newton
Collector

Grafton Feb 2d 1872

A Copy
Attest James W White
Town Clerk

The Treasurers report was Submitted and Accepted as follo

Treasurers Report

Town of Grafton in Account with

Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Cr

1871			
March 6th	By Cash On hand		$ 1096.65
" 13	" " of City Treasurer of Worcester for Paupers		33.01
" 20	" " of James W White Collector of Taxes 1870		600.00
April 12	" " Boston & Albany Railroad Company		303.01
" 15	" " Townsend Treasurer for Paupers		22 85
May 1	" " Rufus E Warren		2000.00
" 2	" " James W White Collector of Taxes 1870		300 00
" "	" " Interest on 5-20 Bond		30.00
" "	" " Premium on Gold		386
June 10	" " On Note to Mrs E M Scandlin		3000.00
" 15	" " of State Treasurer for Paupers		3141
" 29	" " Rufus E Warren		2000.00
July 7	" " James W White Tax 1870		100.00
August 1	" " for Farnums bill School House		1000.00
" "	" " of James W White Tax 1870		150.00
Sept 1	" " B Newton Collector of Taxes 1871		800.00
" 11	" " " " " " " "		600.00
" 20	" " " " " " " "		400 00
" 28	" " " " " " " "		2000.00
" 30	" " " " " " " "		1700 00
Oct 2	" " " " " " " "		8400 00
" 5	" " " " " " " "		6261 00
" 9	" " " " " " " "		1739.00
" 14	" " " " " " " "		1100.00
" 21	" " " " " " " "		300 00
" 30	" " " " " " " "		200.00
Nov 7	" " " " " " " "		300.00
" 8	" " " Harvey Perham License		10.00
" 21	" " on 520 Bond		30.00
" "	" " Premium on Gold		3.15
" 21	" " of B Newton Tax 1871		300 00
Dec 2	" " " State Treasurer for State Aid		2000.00
" "	" " " " " Corporation Tax		1637.45
" "	" " " " " Military Bounty		101 50
" 4	" " B Newton Tax 1871		300 00
" 8	" " " James W White Tax 1870		200 00
" 12	" " " State Treasurer for Military Bounty		696 00
" 23	" " " Saml Harrington Loam Sold		15 00
" "	" " " B Newton Tax 1871		300 00

1872. Jan 2. Rec'd of	B Newton	Tax of 1871	$400,00
" " 4 " "	"	" " "	400.00
" " 6 " "	"	" " "	300.00
" " 9 " "	D W Norcross	Damage on Schoolhouse at Tamworthville	17,40
" " 15 " "	B Newton	Tax of 1871.	200,00
" " 25 " "	State Treasurer	for Paupers	2437
" " " " "	"	for School fund	28907
" " 25 " "	B Newton.	Tax 1871	200,00
" Feb 1 " "	"	" "	400.00
" " 5 " "	Charles A Chase	Co Treasurer Dog Fund	293.20
" " 10 " "	B Newton	Tax 1871	300,00
" " 20 " "	James W White	Tax of 1869	19,85
" " " " "	"	" Interest on Same	.379
" " " " "	"	" Tax of 1870	7889
" " " " "	"	" Interest on Same	75,74
" " " " "	"	" Rent of Town Hall	99,00
" " 21 " "	B Newton	Tax of 1871	822,84
" " " " "	"	" Interest "	126,78
	Total Receipts		$ 44,10071

Dr

To Paying Selectmens Orders		$ 21,281,61
" " State Tax		4,976 00
" " No 4-5 per cent Bond		1000,00
No 2-6 " "		1000,00
County Tax		2692,22
Interest on 5 per cent Bonds		950,00
" " 6 " "		420,00
School District Note		500,00
Interest on Same		30,00
Rent of Town Hall		500,00
" " Armory		25,00
State Treasurer Nat'l Bank Tax		771,40
Insurance on School Houses		118,75
" On High School House & Pauper Estab't		103,20
Recording Deed		1,39
Borrowed Money		7000,00
Interest on the Same		140,00
Assessors Orders Abatement		99,97
State Aid		1345,00
Total Receipts	44 100,71	42,953,54
Amt Paid	42 953 54	
Cash On hand	1,147,17	

Grafton March 4 1872

Rufus E Warren Treasurer

The Chief Engineers Report was accepted as follows

Town of Grafton in account with

James W McKenzie. Chief Engineer

For Expenditures for Fire Department for three months ending July 1 1871

Cr

By Cash received of Town Treasurer	$1,504,06	
" " " " G F Jourdan	12 00 —	$1,516,06

Dr

Rescue Engine Company No 1

Paid Services of 49 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1871	398.35
" Care of Engine & Apparatus	20 00
	$418,35

Emperor Engine Company No 2

Paid Services 54 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1871	$420,00

Blackstone Engine Company No 3.

Paid Services of 51 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1871	417,39
Care of Engine & Apparatus	20 00
	$437,39

Hook and Ladder Company

Paid Services of 25 Men for Year Ending July 1 1872.	228 32
" Care of Machine	10 00
" W B Cooks Bill	2 00
	240,32

Amt of Cash Received	1516 06
Amt of Cash Paid	1516 06

Respectfully Submitted

J W McKenzie

Town of Grafton in account with

G F Jourdan

Cr

By Cash Received on Selectmens Orders $632,41

Dr

Rescue Engine Company No 1

Paid Graton & Knights Bill	10 75	
" Express	1 25	
" E A Howes Bill	9,17	
" Hunneman & Co's Bill	39 25	
" J W McKenzie	12 00	$72,42

Emperor Engine Company No 2

Paid Graton & Knights Bill		$14,75	
" Express		2,00	
" Aaron Elliott		83,16	
" W T Barkers Bill		9,51	$109,42

Blackstone Engine Company No 3

Paid G W Fisher		$ 169,02	
" E Fisher & Sons Bill		25 39	
" Graton & Knights Bill		10 00	
" Express		1 75	
" A J Ford		6,66	
" Hunnyman & Co's Bill		64,75	
" L White		4 00	$281,77
" A F Allen (for new hose)	142,50		
" J S Knowls Bill	10,00		
" G H. Bundys "	4,00		
" Badges for Engineers	4,30		
" Wilcom Cooks Bill	5 00		
" Silas Binton's Bill	3 00		$168,80

Amount of Cash received $6324 41
Amount of Cash Paid 6324 0
All of which is respectfully Submitted
G F Jourdan Chief Engineer

A Copy
Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery was accepted as follows

Town of Grafton in Account with
The Trustees of Reverside Cemetery

Dr

1871			
Nov 9th Paid Harrington & Nichols for Paints and Oil		12 40	
" Levi T Benson for Printing fence		9 50	
" John Daniels for work in Cemetery		13,13	
" Balance Cash on hand		11 45	247,48

Cr

1871			
March 6 By Cash On hand		$ 161,87	
April 3 " " for Wood Sold		13 00	
July 1 " " Interest		24,53	
Feb 23 1872 " " Lots Sold		48 06	247,48
" " By Balance Cash on hand		11 45	

For the Trustees Henry F Wing Treasurer

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery for the Year Ending March 1st 1872 was accepted as follows—

Cash On hand as per last Report	5328	
" Rec during the Year	9100	$ 14628
Cash Paid Out during the Year for improvements	9950	9950
Leaving a balance in Treasurers hands of		$ 4678

L H Bigelow Treasurer
James W White Town Clerk

A Copy Attest

The Report of the Committee on the Common was accepted as follows—

1871 April 22	Paid for Labor On Walks & Raking Leaves		$ 12,60
June 3	" " Mowing Grass		1,00
July "	" " " "		5,50
"	" " Stone & Carting for Drain		3,00
Sept	" " Labor on Walks		3,00
October	" " Carting & Spreading Manure		7,57
			$ 32,67
April 22	Cash received of J D Wheeler	28.67	32,67
	for Grass	4,00	

For the Committee D Webster Norcross

The Reports of the Trustees of the Free Public Library and of the General School Committee were Each accepted as Printed. to Copies on file of which reference may be had—

Took up the Fifth article in the Warrant.
C M Batchelder moved a reconsideration of the vote passed March 4th whereby three hundred dollars was appropriated for Apparatus for the High School It appearing that Apparatus had already been purchased and received the motion was withdrawn—

He then moved to reduce the Appropriation for the High and Grammar Schools made March 4th five hundred dollars— the Vote was taken by rising and Standing until counted and resulted as follows— whole number in favor of the Motion forty Seven (47) whole number Opposed to the Motion fifty three (53) So the motion was lost—

C C Wood then moved to reduce the Appropriation for High and Grammar Schools made March 4th four hundred dollars (47)

The vote was taken by rising and Standing until counted with the following result. Whole number in favor of the Motion was Sixty two (62) Whole number Opposed to the Motion was fifty nine (59) So the Motion was Carried –

On Motion Voted to Appropriate three Thousand Dollars for repairing of Highways the Ensuing Year

On Motion Voted to Appropriate fifty Dollars for the use of the Common Committe the Ensuing Year –

On Motion Voted to pass Over the fourteenth (14) Article in the Warrant. and then dissolved the Meeting

A True Record

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the first day of April next at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

Art 2. To See if the Town will Authorize the Selectmen to fence the School House Lot in Saundersville or act thereon as petitioned for by A J Bates

Art 3d To See if the Town will raise a Sum of Money Sufficient to build a School House at Waterville or act thereon as petitioned for by A J Bates

Art 4th To See if the Town will appropriate a Sum of Money to be Expended by the Grand Army of the Republic On Memorial day. as petitioned for by A. Searle

Art 5th To See if the Town will cause the Street Lamps in the centre of the Town to be lighted the Ensuing Year or act thereon

Art 6th To See if the Town will Authorize the Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town or Act thereon

Art 7th To See if the Town will cause a new Tomb to be built at or near Riverside Cemetery or act thereon

Art 8th To See if the Town will accept a new road laid Out by the Selectmen from near the House of Nelson Goulette to near the Saw Mill of Sullivan Dadmun or Act thereon —

Art 9th To See if the Town will cause the Old Hearse House and Old Hearse in the centre of the Town to be Sold or act thereon —

Art 18th To See if the Town will cause the Town Farm and Property connected therewith to be Sold or Act thereon

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town. And at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of Holding Said Muting—

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meetings as aforesaid—

Given Under Our hands this twenty first day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy two

A. M. Bigelow
J. W. McKenzie
Aaron Elliott
J. H. Wood
G. F. Jourdan
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton April 1st 1872

I have Served the Foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Muting as therein directed—

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the Foregoing Warrant the Inhabetants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs Met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton On Monday the first day of April A D 1872 at two Oclock in the afternoon and transacted the following business viz.

1st By Ballot chose S D Hall Moderator (check list used)

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause the School House Lot at Saunders ville to be properly fenced

Took up the third article in the warrant. a Motion was made to pass over the Article - Lost Yea 31 Nays 62

W Faulkner then mooved that a Committee of three be chosen to take into consideration the wants of that part of the Town and report at some future meeting and that said Committee be nominated by the Moderator which motion was carried in the affirmative Moderator nominated Winthrop Faulkner S H Knowlton and F M Marble for said Committee and by vote they were unanimously Chosen

Took up the fourth article in the Warrant. and after some remarks it was on motion voted to Appropriate One hundred dollars to the use of the Grand Army of the Republic for Memorial day

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant - a motion was made to pass Over the Article. the vote was taken on the motion by rising and Standing until Counted - Sixty two voting in the affirmative and Seventy three voting in the Negative - So the Article was not passed over

Then On Motion voted to Appropriate two hundred Dollars ($200.00) towards defraying the Expense of lighting the Street Lamps in the Centre of the Town the Ensuing Year, with an additional appropriation to the Other Villages in the Town which may Erect Street Lamps in like proportion to the number of Lamps Erected. Yeas. 76 Nays 69

Took up the Sixth article in the Warrant, and on Motion it was voted to Authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town under the direction of the Selectmen

Took up the Seventh Article in the Warrant - and on Motion voted to pass over the Article -

Took up the Eighth article in the Warrant.
The Selectmen presented their report of the laying Out of a Town Road which was by vote accepted as follows viz

Old Saw Mill

We the Undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Grafton have laid Out for the Use of Said Town a town way as follows—

Beginning on the northerly Side of the road leading from New England Village by the Houses of E B Brooks and Pliny Putnam. Easterly of the House of Nelson Goulette at Stake and Stones, thence North 47½° East Over land of Said Goulette 21 15/100 19 4/5 rods to Land of Pliny Putnam. Thence North 47½° East. 29 4/100 29½ rods over land of Said Putnam to land of Sullivan Dadmun. to be three rods wide and to lie between the two admeasurements or lines given on the plan of Said road herewith presented.

We have awarded as Land Damage. On account of laying Out of Said Town way the Sum of two hundred and twenty Seven 2/100 ($227.02) dollars to be paid by the town as follows— To Nelson Goulette. One hundred thirty two 22/100 ($132.22) dollars — To Pliny Putnam Ninety four 97/100 ($94.97) dollars— Which Said road is hereby reported to the Town for Acceptance. and when Accepted and Recorded. is forever After to be known as a Public Town way.

A M Bigelow
J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliott
J H Wood
G F Jourdan
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 19th AD 1872.

A Copy Received and filed At 8h 25m A M March 25th 1872
By me James W White Town Clerk

On Motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to build the road refered to in the foregoing report—

Took up the ninth Article in the Warrant. and On Motion Voted to Authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the Old Hearse and Old Hearse House in the Centre of the Town—

Took up the tenth article in the warrant and on Motion of J D Wheler Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to take the matter contemplated in this Article into Consideration and report at Some future meeting

Voted that the Moderator Nominate Said Committee

over

The Moderator Nominated. Jon^{a} D Wheler. S E Stowe and Rufus E Warren for Said Committee. and they were accepted. Mr Wheler declined Serving and was Excused. the Moderator then nominated John McClellan. and he was accepted on Said Committe

The meeting was then dissolved—

James W White Town Clerk

I the Subscriber Tarrant Murriam have this day contracted with N K Murriam for a piece of Land Situated in the Northerly part of Grafton Containing about One ~~fifth~~ Acre, which lot I agree to fence & maintain it forever in My Heirs & Assigns. which fence begins at the South East corner of land Owned by Jonas H Allen running nearly East to the brook. & then South to land Owned by Tarrant Murriam. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand this twenty third day of November A D One thousand Eight hundred & fifty two

Tarrant Murriam

A Copy received At 2^{h} 30^{m} P M April 22 A D 1872

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Seventh day of May next at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to Wit -

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting -

Art 2d To See if the Town will Authorize the Sale or Manufacture of Ale. Porter. Strong Beer. or Lager Beer in the Town, as Petitioned for by C D Nourse and Others

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town. and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting -

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given Under Our hands ~~this~~ twenty ninth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy two -

A M Bigelow
J W McKenzie
J H Wood
G F Jourdan
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton May 7th 1872

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village. Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

S D Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 7th 1872.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton On Tuesday the Seventh day of May A D 1872 the same being the first tuesday in said month. at two Oclock in the afternoon and transacted the following business viz

1st The Meeting was called to Order by the Town Clerk at precisely two Oclock P M. and the Warrant of the Selectmen was read. Then By Ballot chose Abram M Bigelow Moderator to preside in said Meeting — checklisted

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant —

The question brought before the meeting being Shall any Person be Allowed to Manufacture. Sell. or Keep for Sale. Ale. Porter. Strong Beer or Lager Bier in this Town. and the Vot on the same being taken by Ballot. Yes or No — the Polls having been kept Open until four Oclock P M. and All persons present having voted who Expressed a desire to vote and had the right to vote. and no Objection being Mad — at four Oclock in the afternoon on said day the Polls were Closed and the votes counted and recorded and declared as follows viz — The whole number of Votes cast. Two hundred and forty five 245

Affirmative Votes Yes — One hundred and two 102

Negative votes No — One hundred forty three 143

Majority Against Selling Manufacturing or Keeping for sale 41

and the Meeting was then dissolved

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth day of September 1872 at 2 Oclock P M to act on the following Articles to wit.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

" 2d To see what measures the Town will adopt to raise money for paying for building the new road from Grafton Common to Upton line recently laid Out by the County Commissioners or Act thereon.

Art 3d To see if the Town will make an Appropriation of Money for the purchase of Engine Hose for the use of the Fire Department as Asked for by the Board of Engineers or act thereon

Art 4th To see if the Town will cause a portion of the Drain under the new road leading from the Common to Worcester to be taken up and relaid, or Act thereon —

Art 5th To hear the Report of any Outstanding Committee and Act thereon —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saundersville Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting — Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid —

Given Under Our Hands this Seventh day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and seventy two

A McBigelow
J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliott
J C Wood
G F Jourdan
Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

I have ~~served~~ the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed -

~~Attest~~ Davis Hall Constable of Grafton -

~~A Copy~~
~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs Met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth day of September 1872 at 2 Oclock P M and transacted the following business viz

1st By Ballot chose Abram M Bigelow Moderator. Check list used.

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant. And On Motion of S. E Stowe it was voted that the Selectmen and Town Treasurer issue Coupon Bonds of the Town to an Amount not Exceeding Thirteen Thousand Dollars payable as follows viz.
One Thousand Dollars on the first day of January A D 1875
One Thousand Dollars on the First day of January A D 1877
and One Thousand Dollars on Each Alternate first day of January until the whole are paid with interest at Six per cent. Semi Annually payable at Shoe and Leather National Bank Boston -

Took up the Third article in the Warrant and on Motion voted to Appropriate Eleven hundred dollars for the purchasing of Engine Hose for the use of the Fire Department

Took up the Fourth Article in the Warrand, and on Motion voted that the same Committee that had charge of putting in the Southerly portion of the Drain refered to in this Article cause such portions of said Drain to be taken up and relaid as in their judgement may be necessary for the benefit of the road -

Took up the Fifth article in the Warrant As there was no Committee ready to Report, the Meeting was dissolved

~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the fifth day of November next at nine O'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen. for a Governor Lieutenant Governor. Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. And for a Councillor for the third Councillor District. and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District. and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. and for a Representative to represent the Ninth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the forty third Congress of the United States. and for a Representative to represent the twelfth District in Massachusetts. in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the First Wednesday of January next

The Votes for All the above Officers will be received Open and unfolded on One Ballot. Or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate ballots as best suits the Voter. Each Vote to Specify the Office voted for.

The Polls will be Open to receive the votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A.M. and may be closed at twelve Oclock M. And you are directed to Serve this Warrant, by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof Fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to Ourselves, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given Under Our Hands this twenty first day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy two

A M Bigelow
J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliott
J C Wood
G F Fourdrass

Selectmen of Grafton

over

Grafton November 5th, 1872

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an ~~attested~~ Copy thereof in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Squinders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed -

~~attest~~ S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

~~A Copy attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 5th AD 1872

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on tuesday the fifth day of November AD 1872 it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month.

The Meeting was called to Order by Hon A M. Bigelow Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk -

On Motion of Jonny W McKenzie. It was. Voted to Close the Polls at Three Oclock this afternoon -

Then Proceeded to Ballot for the Candidates Enumerated in the Warrant. and at three Oclock in the afternoon the Votes having all been given in and no Objection being made the Polls were closed -

The Votes having been Sorted. Counted and recorded were declared as follows -

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States -

For Electors at Large	Grant
Ebenezer R Hoar of Concord had Three Hundred and forty One Votes	341
John M Forbes of Milton had Three Hundred and forty One Votes	341
	Gauley
Chester W Chapin of Springfield had Seventy-Eight Votes	78
Josiah G Abbott of Boston had Seventy Eight Votes	78

District Electors.		Grant.
No 1	William T Davis of Plymouth had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 2	Harrison Tweed of Taunton had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 3	Alvin Simonds of Boston had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 4	Edward H Dunn of Boston had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 5	Amos F Breed of Lynn had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 6	Luther Day of Haverhill had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 7	John C Coudley of Lawrence had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 8	Aaron C Mayhew of Milford had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 9	Stephen Salisbury of Worcester had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 10	Levi Stockbridge of Amherst had Three hundred forty One votes	341
" 11	Henry Alexander Jr of Springfield had Three hundred forty One votes	341

District Electors		Greeley
No 1	George Delano of New Bedford had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 2	James E Carpenter of Foxboro had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 3	Charles A B Shepard of Boston had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 4	Joseph Everdean of Chelsea had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 5	Richard Frothingham of Charlestown had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 6	John A Bassett of Salem had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 7	William H Clement of Lowell had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 8	Henry W Muzzy of Cambridge had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 9	Isaac Davis of Worcester had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 10	C B H Snow of Fitchburg had Seventy Eight votes	78
" 11	Charles W Knox of Chester had Seventy Eight votes	78

The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to represent the Ninth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the Forty third Congress of the United States was Four hundred and thirty. 430.

George F Hoar of Worcester had three Hundred and forty four votes — 344

George F Verry of Worcester had Eighty Six votes 86

Governor —

The Whole Number of votes for Governor of the Commonwealth was Four hundred and twenty Seven 427

William B Washburn of Greenfield had three hundred and forty One votes 341

Francis W Bird of Walpole had Eighty Six votes 86

Lieutenant Governor

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was Four Hundred and Twenty Seven. 427

Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Three Hundred forty One Votes 341

William L Smith of Springfield had Eighty Six Votes 86

Secretary of the Commonwealth

The whole Number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was four hundred and twenty Six 426

Oliver Warner of Northampton had three hundred and forty One votes 341

Georg H Monroe of Boston had eighty five Votes 85

Treasurer & Reciver General

The whole Number of Votes for Treasurer and Reciver General was four hundred and twenty Six 426

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had Three Hundred and forty One Votes 341

Levi Heywood of Gardner had Eighty five Vote 85

Attorny General

The whole Number of Votes for Attorny General was Four Hundred and twenty five 425

Charles R Train of Boston had three hundred and thirty nine Votes 339

Waldo Colburn of Dedham had Eighty Six Votes 86

Auditor

The whole Number of Votes for Auditor was four hundred and twenty Six 426

Charles Endicott of Canton had Three Hundred and forty One Votes 341

Patrick A Collins of Boston had Eighty five Votes 85

Councillor for Third District

The whole Number of Votes for Councillor for the third Councillor District was Four Hundred and thirty ~~—~~ 430

Milo Hildreth of Northborough had Two Hundred and Ninety nine Votes 299

Jonathan H Wood of Grafton had One Hundred and thirty Votes- 130

B B Nourse of Westboro had One Vote 1

Senator

The whole Number of Votes for Senator for the Second Worcester District was four hundred and thirty One 431

Samuel M Griggs of Westboro had Three Hundred and forty One Votes 341

Henry A Aldrich of Mendon had Ninety Votes 90

County Commissioner

The whole Number of Votes for County Commissioner for Worcester County was four hundred and fifteen 415

Orlorous Taft of Upton had two hundred and Seventy three Votes. 273

James Allen of Webster had One hundred forty two Votes 142

Representative to General Court.

The whole Number of Votes for Representative to the General Court from District No ~~12~~ Twelve in Worcester County was four hundred and twenty nine. 429

George H Harlow of Shrewsbury had Two Hundred Eighty Seven Votes. 287

Silas A Forbush of Grafton had One Hundred thirty Eight Votes 138.

Levi C Hemmenway of Shrewsbury had One Vote 1

Patrick Moroney of Grafton had two Votes 2

Jeremiah O Keefe of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Returns of all the aforesaid Votes having been made Out and Sealed up According to law in Open Town Meeting- The Meeting was dissolved.

James W White Town Clerk

In Accordance with the provisions of the Statute in Such case made and provided the Town Clerks of Grafton and Shrewsbury. met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton On Wednesday the. Sixth day of Novemba A D 1872 at Twelve Oclock M. and having compared the Votes of the Said Towns of Grafton and Shrewsbury the Same Composing Representative District No Twelve in Worcester County — found that Geo H Harlow of Shrewsbury was Elected Representative to represent Said Twelfth representative District in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the First Wednesday of January next. as per the following Vote

Grafton Vote	Harlow		287
Shrewsbury Vote	Harlow		154
	Totel		441.
Shrewsbury Vote	Forbush	77	215
Grafton Vote	Forbush	138	226.
	Totel	215	4
Grafton Scattering Vote		4	

Harlows Majority over All Others 222

James W White Town Clerk of Grafton

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs to Met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton On Monday the third day of March next at nine Oclock A. M. to Act on the following Articles, to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

" 2d To Choose All necessary Town Officers for the Year Ensuing.

" 3d To hear the Reports of the Several town Officers and Committees and Act thereon.

" 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Townways and Bridges the Ensuing Year.

" 5th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray town charges the Ensuing Year, and make appropriations of the Same and Act thereon.

" 6th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid in to the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and Act thereon.

" 7th To See what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the Ensuing Year and act thereon.

" 8th To See what Compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing and Act thereon.

" 9th To See if the Town will Accept of the "List of Names" prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or Act thereon.

" 10th To determine where within the Town, the High School shall be kept the Ensuing Year.

Art. 11th To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M and at 9 Oclock P. M, or act thereon -

" 12th To See if the Town will buy a new Hearse for New England Village or act thereon "

" 13th To See if the Town will build a School House at New England Village or act thereon

" 14th To See if the Town will abate a tax Assessed to Esek Saunders in 1871 as asked for by B Newton collector or act thereon

" 15th To See if the Town will adopt any different measures in relation to raising Money to pay for building - new County road from Grafton Common to Upton line or act thereon

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Villa and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting - Herof fail not, and make due Return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given Under Our hands this Nineteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy three -

A M Bigelow
J W McKenzie
Aaron Elliot
J H Wood
G F Jourdan
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 3d 1873

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by Posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Villa and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed -

Attest S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the third day of March A D 1873. at nine Oclock A M.

The Meeting was called to Order by the Town Clerk and the Warrant was read. After which. S Davis Hall was. by Ballot unanimously Elected Moderator (check listed) Sayd By Rev A. C. Hussey-

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant.
On Motion Voted to bring in the Votes for a Town Clerk five Selectmen. a Town Treasurer. three Assessors. Three Overseers of the Poor. a General School Committee for three Years. a Trustee for Riverside Cemetery. a Trustee for Pine Grove Cemetery. a Common Committee and five Constables on One Ballot. —

On Motion Voted. that the Polls for the Election of Town Officers be closed at three Oclock this afternoon — Balloting for the Town Officers above named then commenced and at twenty minuts before twelve Oclock M. on Motion of F M Marble it was Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the Opening of this meting whereby the Polles were to be closed at three Oclock this afternoon - Then On Motion of F M Marble. it was Voted to close the Polls for the Election of Town Officers at One Oclock this afternoon. and at One Oclock. P M. the Polls were closed. .

The Votes having been Sorted and counted were found to be for the following as set against their Names.

For Town Clerk

Mrs C A Pierce had One Vote	1
George K Newton had One hundred thirty two Votes	132.
James W White had Two Hundred and Nine Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S Davis Hall. Moderator and immediately Entered upon the Same —	

For Selectmen.

O L Gibbs. had One Vote	1
J W McKenzie had One Vote	1
T Leonard had three Votes	3
S K Knowlton had One hundred & Eighteen Votes	118
Franklin Baldwin had two hundred & Seventeen Votes	217
J H Wood had two hundred and ninety Six Votes	296

John J Powers had three hundred and nine Votes 309
George F Jourdan Had Three hundred and twelve Votes 312
A M Bigelow had Two hundred & Ninety five Votes 295

A. M. Bigelow Sworn March 5. By S D Hall Moderator
G F Jourdan Sworn March 5 By S D Hall Moderator
J H Wood Sworn March 5 By S D Hall Moderator
Franklin Baldwin Sworn March 5 By S D Hall Moderator
John J Powers Sworn March 10th 1873 by J W White Town Clerk

were Elected Selectmen of the Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing the four first named being duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of this Office by S D Hall, Moderator in Open Town Meeting.

For Treasurer

C L. Metcalf had One Vote 1
Howard Dunbar had One Vote 1
Rufus E Warren had three Hundred and twenty five Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk 325

For Overseers of the Poor.

Miss Caroline Harrington had One Vote 1
L. H. Bigelow had One hundred and Seventeen Votes 117
James G Putnam had three hundred and twenty five Votes, 325 and was Elected
Amos G Getchell had two hundred and five Votes, and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk
William Holbrook Had three hundred and twenty Seven Votes and was Elected - Sworn March 4th by James W White Town Clerk. 327

For Assessors

C W Hastings had One Vote 1
A W Rice had One hundred and twelve Votes 112
Gilbert C Taft had three hundred & twenty Six Votes 326
Barnabas Newton had three hundred & twenty Votes 320
Silas E Stowe had two hundred and twelve Votes 312

Gilbert C Taft Sworn April 7th 1873 By James W White Town Clerk
Barnabas Newton Sworn April 7th 1873 By J W White Town Clerk
Silas E Stowe Sworn April 7th 1873 By James W White

were Elected Assessors of the Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing -

For General School committee for three Years

C L Metcalf had One Vote 1
S E Stowe had One Vote 1

A J Bates. had Fifty three Votes 53
W C Rice had thirty nine Votes 39
Dr W E Rice had two hundred and thirty two Votes and was Elected
For Trustee of Riverside Cemetery
George K Nichols had two Hundred & fourteen Votes and was Elected
For Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery
L H. Bigelow had One hundred and thirty three Votes 133
J H Smith had two hundred and four Votes and was Elected 204
For Common Committee
D. W. Norcross had One Hundred and seventy five Votes and was Elected
For Constables
Amanda Congdon had One Vote - 1 -
Tarrant Sherman had One Vote 1
C W Eames had Eight Votes 8
E B Dolliver had One hundred and twenty Votes 120
George M Newton had One hundred and twenty nine Votes 129
Leander White had One hundred and thirty two Votes 132
(Constables Elected)
I. D. Hall had Three Hundred and twenty three Votes (323)
and was Elected and immediately Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

James Gleason had Three Hundred and Seventeen Votes (317)
and was Elected and On the same day was duly Sworn to
the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by [illegible] Town Clerk

L. M. Gassett. Had three hundred and fourteen Votes. 314
and was Elected

Ezekiel Fowler had two hundred and twelve Votes (212)
and was Elected

J H Chickering had One Hundred and Seventy Seven Votes 177
and was Elected -

On Motion Voted to Choose the remaining Town Officers
necessary to be Chosen. by nomination at large -

On Motion Voted to choose Eight Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing.

Then by Nomination Chose

George F Ford
George F Estabrook
Henry Tatlock
Lemuel H Nichols
Lowell H Davis
Daniel N Gibbs
A J Forbush Jr
Alden M Bigelow

Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing.

On Motion Voted to choose three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing

Then by nomination Chose

George M Newton
Charles H Leland
Benj[r] Aldrich

Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing

On Motion Voted to choose Two Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing — Then by Nomination Chose

Reuben Taft
E B Potter

Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing—

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Year Ensuing.

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing—

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen Appoint a Pound Keeper and All Other Town Officers required by law and which may be Appointed by the Selectmen

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant.

The Several Town Officers having caused their Reports to be Printed and Circulated. It was on Motion Voted to Accept the Printed Reports of the Several Town Officers in the Order and as they are printed which are as follows—

Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the year Ending March 3d 1873 Submit the following Report of the condition of the Town

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren, Treasurer of Said Town and find his Account Correct, as follows—

Dr.

To Cash received from All Sources as per Report of Treasurer $65,428.38

Cr

1872		
Paid for	Common Schools	$5,363.16
" "	School House at Farnums Ville	4683.52
" "	Repairs on School Houses	469.56
" "	Desks & Clocks, Farnums Ville School House	54.70
" "	Printing Cards & Posters	8.25
" "	Fuel &c. of High School House	211.98
		$10,991.17

High School

1872		
April 15	" " Apparatus	300.00
" " "	" Ellen Fernald	36.00
May 8	" D W Norcross	101.25
June 28	" Henry Tatlock	525.00
" "	" Lucy M Dodge	75.00
" "	" Jane E Warren	156.00
Sept 2	" D W Norcross	100.00
Oct 7	" Henry Tatlock	250.00
Nov 14	" Lucy M Dodge	91.00
" "	" Jane E Warren	132.00
" 25	" Henry Tatlock	250.00
" "	" Lucy M Dodge	13.00
1873 Feb 4	" Henry Tatlock	250.00
		$2,279.25

Fire Department

1872		
May 6	" Geo F Jourdan	1,168.74
Oct 28	" " " "	1024.50
1873 Jan 7	" " " "	246.17
Feb 17	" " " "	8.47
		$ 2447.88

Highways

Paid Repairs on Highways	3,457.89

Bridges

Paid for	Repairing	Bridge at Waterville,	$ 63,50
"	"	" Farmums Ville	381,29
"	"	Arnold Bridge	16,64
"	Building	Bridge at Kitville	271,00
			$ 732,43

Overseers of the Poor

April	11	Paid	James G Putnam	$ 493 50
May	1	"	" " "	250.25
June	3	"	" " "	82,67
Aug.	5	"	" " "	92,90
Oct	7	"	" " "	99,77
Nov	4	"	" " "	429.24
1873 Jany	1st	"	" " "	77 45
				$ 1525.78

Library

Sept	2	Paid	H F Wing	$ 293,29
Dec	2	"	" " "	400,00
				$ 693,29

Assessors

June	3	Paid	A B Davis (1871)	$ 40,00
Feb	8	"	G C Taft	60,65
"	"	"	A W Rice	38,00
"	17	"	B Newton	50 00
				$ 188,65

Sextons

June	3	"	James Gleason	63.00
Aug	5	"	F N Hall	3,00
"	"	"	James Gleason	36 90
Sept	2	"	L H Bigelow	77,90
Nov	4	"	F N Hall	9 00
Jany	1	"	James Gleason	94,30
Feb	17	"	" "	19 30
"	"	"	L. H. Bigelow	36 90
				$ 340,30

School Committee

March	21st	Paid	D. W. Norcross	$ 169 50
"	"	"	John Goodwin	$ 157,50
"	"	"	J. H. Windsor	152,00
"	"	"	A. J. Bates	106,50
				$ 485,50

Military Expenses

June 3	Paid J F Searle.	Repairing Armory.	$ 7,86
Aug 5	" " "	"	97,00
Nov 4	" " "	"	507 00
			$ 611,86

Common Committee

Aug. 5	Paid D W Norcross		$50.00

Street Lights

Nov. 4	Paid H F Wing		$200,00

School Book Agt.

Nov 19	Paid J F Searle		$1415,15

Grand Army

June 3.	Paid J F Searle.		$100,00

New County Road

June 3.	Paid T Shurtleff & Co		$ 800,00
July 2	" " "	"	1000,00
Aug 10	" " "	"	300,00
" 17	" " "	"	550,00
Sept 10	" " "	"	1000,00
Oct 7	" " "	"	1800,00
Nov 13	" " "	"	1600,00
Dec 20	" " "	"	200,00
" 23	" " "	"	1000,00
Jan'y 11	" " "	"	500,00
Feb 17	" " "	"	600,00
			$ 9,350,00

Miscellaneous

March 18th	Paid	Printing	Town Reports	$ 122,21
April 1	"	A H White	Ringing Bell	25,00
" "	"	Surveying	Dadmun Road	7 00
" 5	"	R Odlum	for Land	75,00
May 16	"	Damage to	Hiram Poole	200,00
June 3	"	J B White	for Coal	25,08
" "	"	Printing	Road Notices	9,00
" "	"	E. M. Putnam	Land Damage	132,22
" "	"	Pliny Putnam	" "	9497
July 8	"	Building	Dadmun Road	295 00
Aug 5	"	L. M. Gassett	Spicial Police	5,00
" "	"	James Gleason	" "	5 00

(over)

Aug 5th	Paid A. G. Getchell, Special Police		$ 5,00
" "	" Chas Claflin " "		5,00
" "	" H. K. Cady " "		5,00
" "	" J. H. Chickering " "		5,00
" "	" F. M. Marble " "		10,00
Sept 2	" Mowing Old Cemetery		20,00
" "	" W. H. Edmunds Special Police		5,00
" 11	" J B White for coal		56,75
Oct 7.	" A. H. White. Ringing Bell		25,00
" "	" Road Gates		1440
1873 Jany 3	" Building Culvert on Worcester Street		353,52
" " 6	" Road Gates		28,00
" "	" Stove for Clerks Office		21,72
Feb 15	" I D Hall Serving Warrants		3450
" 17	" Selectmens Services		200,00
" "	" A. Elliott Breaking roads		52,42
" "	" R. E Warren paying State Aid		50,00
" "	" B Newton collecting Taxes 1871		11,99
" "	" Bacon & Aldrich		92,00
" "	" G F Jourdan for Gravel		2675
" "	" Maintaining Watering places on Highways		1125
" "	" G F Jourdan Breaking roads		19,10
" "	" J W White Services		244,31
" "	" " " Collecting Taxes 70		4,33
" "	" ——— A H Allen Surveying		3,00
" "	" B Newton.		$2,299,52
" "	for Collecting Taxes		25829
			2,557,81

Total Amount of Selectmens Orders	36.156.96
Other Sums Paid as per his Report	26.984 92
Total Amount Paid	$ 63,141 88

Amount Received	$ 65,428,38
Amount Paid	63 141 88
Amount in Treasury	$ 2,286,50

Liabilities of the Town

Due the Agent of Town Farm	$ 400,00
Town Bonds 5 per cent	17,000 00
" " 6 "	6000 00
Borrowed of Sundry persons at 7 per ct	13,000 00
Accrued intrest on Bonds	201 67
	$ 36,601,67

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes	1871	$ 304,42
" "	1872	1,668 95
United States 5-20 Bond		1000 00
Town Farm & Buildings		6000,00
Personal Property on Farm		3647,30
Cash items in hands of Overseers		510,62
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures		3000,00
One Hook & Ladder Carriage		300,00
One High School Building & Land		4000,00
One Lock up		500,00
One Hearse House		100 00
Furniture and Fixtures in Office		300,00
School Houses & Land		25075 00
Due from State for State Aid		1223 00
Amount in hands of Treasurer		228650
		50,21579

We Respectfully Submit the following Estimates for which the Town should provide by Tax or Otherwise in 1873 viz

Interest on Town Debt	2,140 00
Appropriation Common Schools	5000,00
" High and Grammar Schools	1800,00
" Fire Department	1500,00
" Rent of Town Hall	500,00
" Town Bond No 6. 5 per cent	1000,00
" " " No 3 6 per cent	1000,00
" Repairs of Highways	3000,00
" Other Town Charges and Expenses	9060,00
	25,000,00

We would Suggest the necessity of building or repairing the Bridge at Saunders Mills the present Year

At the following places Guide Boards are Maintained within the Town - viz

At the corner of the roads near Warren Block, near J. D. Whelen, near Mr Wallace's, near Edward Tahey's Barn near G. F. Jourdan's near Church in Farmington Ville, near the Farmington ville Depot, near the Charles McNamara place near William Holbrooks, near H. F Eddy's, near Saunders block, near J McClellans, at the corner of the roads north-east from L W Brigham's, near Charles Daniels' near J. P. Crosby's, at Each of the corners northerly of the Old Cemetery, near Lunsigamond House, N.E. Village, on

near widow H. B. Fairbanks' near J. F. Knowles' road house on Town Farm, near Meeting House N. E. Village. near J. W. Putnam's northerly of the house of J. E. Young. near Joseph Kimball's. at two places between the last named places. near E. S. Clarks. near Benj Aldrich's near Henry Wesson's On the Barn of B. W. Fay. near L. N. Leland's, westerly of Geo M. Dunn's. near John O'Rupe's. near Joseph Bruce's. near W. A. Fisk's

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

A. M. Bigelow
J. W. McKenzie
Aaron. Elliott
J. H. Wood
Geo F. Gourdin
} Selectmen of Grafton

March 3d. 1873.

The following is a list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing —

Seth J. Axtell
Cyrus D. Aldrich
Joseph K. Axtell
Herbert F. Allen
Horace Batchelder
John W. Bigelow
Franklin Baldwin
L. H. Bigelow
J. H. Chickering
Warren Campbell
Francis Carroll
Louis L. Davis
J. M. Davenport
Thomas J. Drury
Henry W. Dennis
Joseph A. Dodge
Samuel W. Eaton
Aaron Elliott
Ezekiel Fowler
Charles Fowler
James Gleason
A. G. Getchell
Perley Goddard
J. G. Hall
F. F. Hall
N. B. Johnson
William H. Jones
M. A. Keith
S. H. Knowlton
Levi N. Leland
E. O. Lindley
J. W. McKenzie
Henry Mann
Geo K. Nichols
J. P. Newton
J. S. Nelson
George M. Newton
Henry G. Prentice
A. W. Rice
George H. Rugg
Silas E. Stowe
Oscar Stratton
Cyrus W. Stratton
George F. Slocomb
Seth Stockwell
D. A. Whitney
R. E. Warren
Charles H. White
Daniel Whitney
Frederick Waterman
A. R. Wakefield

Collectors Report

The Amount of Taxes committed by the Assessors of the Town of Grafton to Barnabas Newton Collector for 1872 is as follows viz

1872 July 30th Town Grant	$ 23.600,00
County Order	1,985,10
State Order	3020,00
Overlayings	439 15
Tax On Bank Shares Owned by Non Residents of the State	7,65
Assessed after Tax Bill committed	33 54
Total	$ 29,085,44

Paid R. E. Warren at Sundry times as per his Report $27 416.49

Leaving an Amount of Uncollected Taxes of $ 1,668,95

against the following persons for the amounts set against their respective names

Aldrich Elisha B	2 00	Clark L. L.	15 62
Austin Sawyer	2 00	Claflin Willard G	3 53
Aldrich Edwin D	2 00	Champeang George	2 00
Austin Caleb S	2 00	Claflin Charles	2 00
Benson Levi T	20 36	Campbell William	2 00
Barrett Joseph	2 00	Carter Sarah L	12 24
Ball Dexter D.	2 00	Clark Allen	2 00
Baker Anthony	2 00	Carter William	2 00
Bannister Henry S.	162 11	Crosland Samuel	2 00
Burns Wm H	2 00	Cady H N	17 30
Bulger James	9 65	Conly John	2 00
Bodiette Alix	2 00	Corey Michael	2 00
Burnside Wm	2 00	Caron Clovis	2 00
Balcom Cassimier	14 63	Dwyer Michael	8 50
Blanchard Peter	2 00	Dorothy Felix	2 00
Bundy George H.	69 86	Dorr Van Buren	10 42
Butler D. H.	2 00	Drake Lucy	11 09
Byron Mark M	17 91	Davis James	2 00
Beaulieu Nelson	2 00	Durfy Charles	2 00
Barlow Edward E	2 00	Dadmun Sullivan	19 13
Barrett Patrick	2 00	Duplacy Ezra	2 00
Burke Mathew	2 00	Dupree Moses	2 00
Burns Wm H	2 00	Freeman Charles E	2 00
Conroy James	15 78	Forbush Curtis	33 68
Cotie George	2 00	Fulton Dr J. D.	7 36
Connor Dennis O.	9 65	Forrest Andrew	2 00
Carroll Francis	27 35	Flynn Daniel	2 00
Carroll Solomon Est of	65 79	Gray Loren	2 00
Connor James	2 00	Goodrich Alvin	2 00

Gardner John	200
Geray Antom	200
Griswold John	200
Harnsig Cybille	200
Harpin Peter	200
Hawking Charles	200
Jefferson Napoleon	200
Kelly Mathew	200
Kempston John S.	1809
Kelly John	2288
Kelly Charles	200
Knowles Joseph S.	3773
Kearns Patrick	200
Keefe Jesse	1975
King Paul	200
King Peter	200
Lines Michael	200
Layden Mary	153
Lyngly George	200
Legassy Augustus	201
Lee Welcome	200
Loumbray Lewis	200
Legate C. J.	200
Legate Mrs C. J.	1377
Leary Dennis	200
Lazell A. P.	200
Ladurke Joseph	200
Legassy Louis	200
Maloney John	200
Mitchell Henry M	200
Mitchell Charles, H.	200
Morrow Peter	200
McLane John	200
McTwie Joseph	200
McCarter M. H.	200
Margrum F. C.	200
McClellan John. Executor	344
Nevans Thomas	1233
Nichols Caleb	200
Norcrop Josiah	261
Nichols J. G.	200
Norcrop Edward A	965
Odlum John	200
Pogue Wm J.	200
Pratt Richard H	200
Pierce Silas A	2342
Phillips George W.	736
Pratt James N	353
Pierce John W.	201
Packard Sumner	3643
Packard Joel S.	200
Picture Levi	237
Peters Daniel	200
Quinn Cornelius	200
Riley James	200
Rorty Francis A.	200
Roods E J.	1646
Robinson Henry	200
Roods Rufus A.	200
Read Abner	200
Rumney James	207
Sweetsel John A	8431
Sprague George	200
Southwick Daniel	200
Stone Augustus	200
Snow Joseph Jr	200
Snow Joseph	353
Stockwell C. L.	5532
Snow Charles	858
Sibly James N	207
Sibly C. H.	200
Stepp Peter	200
Sawyer Frank W	200
Slyne Dennis	277
Tyler Henry J.	200
Venire Joseph	200
White Patrick G	200
Wheler John Estate of	5317
Wood F. M	17733
Wood Wm C	200
Wheelock L. S.	797
Wheelock Percis Est of	5202
Worcster F	3279
Young John	200
Young J. E.	9916

Non Residents

up.

Allen Frederick	13	77	Howe Wm jr	6	12
Claflin Lee Est. of	10	71	Knowlton Wm	10	71
Connell Patrick	38	25	Merriam D E	32	21
Flagg Robert	3	06	O'Neil Sarah	6	89
				$ 1	668 95

All of which is respectfully Submitted

Barnabas Newton Collector

Grafton Feb 20th 1873 — Attest James W White Town Clerk

Treasurers Report

Town of Grafton in Account with

Rufus E Warren Treasurer

				Cr	
1872	March 4	By Cash on hand		1147	17
"	13	" " of B Newton Collector	1871	200	00
April	3	" " " " " "		100	00
"	8	" " " Note to the Nat'l Bank Grafton		6000	00
"	20	" " " B Newton		100	00
May	6	" " " " "		200	00
"	10	" " " James W White Taxes	1870	350	00
"	21	" " " B Newton "	1871	100	00
"	28	" " " Interest on 5-20 Bond		30	00
"	"	" " " Premium on Same		4	09
June	28	" " " Note to First Natl Bank Grafton		6000	00
"	"	" " " Corporation Tax State Treasurer		2	37
"	"	" " " Bank Tax		8	52
"	"	" " " State Paupers		16	65
"	"	" " " Armory Rent		125	00
Aug	6	" " " Rufus E Warren		5000	00
"	8	" " " B Newton Collector	1872	600	00
"	14	" " " " " "	"	500	00
"	"	" " " " " "	1871	100	00
Sept	2	" " " " " "	1872	300	00
"	10	" " " " " "	"	200	00
"	"	" " " " " "	1871	100	00
"	16	" " " " " "	1872	300	00
"	21	" " " " " "	"	300	00
"	24	" " " " " "	"	400	00
Oct	1	" " " " " "	"	6000	00
"	2	" " " " " "	"	9000	00
"	8	" " " " " "	"	4200	00
"	15	" " " " " "		600	00
"	28	" " " " " "		500	00
Nov	4	" " " Geo W Estabrook for Loans		10	50

Nov	6	By Cash of B Newton Tax	1872	500	00
"	4	" " " " " "	1871	100	00
"	12	" " " " " "	1872	600	00
"	13	" " " Note to Allen & Flagg 4 mos		4000	00
"	19	" " " Interest on 5-20 Bond		300	00
"	20	" " " Premium on Same		4	05
"	26	" " " B Newton Tax	1872	400	00
Dec	3	" " " State Treasurer, State Aid		1400	00
"	"	" " " " " Corporation Tax		734	00
"	"	" " " " " License of Circus		10	00
"	10	" " " B Newton Tax	1872	200	00
"	21	" " " " " "	"	300	00
"	23	" " " L. E. Stowe for Hearse runners		3	00
"	25	" " " Uriah Searle for License No 1931		10	00
"	"	" " " State Treasurer Military Bounty		604	00
"	"	" " " Insurance on School House		30	00
"	30	" " " Note to Geo F Slocomb 4 mos		3000	00
1873 Jan	3	" " " B Newton Tax	1872	300	00
"	9	" " " " " "	1871	100	00
"	18	" " " " " "	1872	200	00
"	27	" " " State Treasurer School Fund		285	15
"	"	" " " " " Annex		150	00
"	"	" " " " " State Paupers		20	00
"	31	" " " B Newton Tax	1872	200	00
Feb	3	" " " Auctioneers License		6	00
"	4	" " " On Note to Otis Norcross 4 Months		6000	00
"	7	" " " Chas A Chase for Treasurer Dog Fines		320	16
"	"	" " " B Newton Tax	1872	400	00
"	8	" " " " " "	"	200	00
"	15	" " " " " "	1871	76	42
"	"	" " " Interest on Same		102	19
	17	" " " Old Hearse House		21	00
	"	" " " rent of Hall in Hook & Ladder House		32	00
	"	" " " James W White Tax	1870	13	80
	"	" " " " " " Interest on Same		69	39
	"	" " " " " " Use of Town Hall		82	00
	"	" " " J W M. Kinzie		14	75
	"	" " " D. W. Norcross		64	14
	"	" " " B Newton Tax	1872	1216	49
		Interest on Same		134	54
		Total Receipts		65,428	38

Carried by

Dr

To Paying Selectmens Orders	36,156	96
" " State Tax	3020	00
" " County Tax	1985	10
" " National Bank Tax	7	30
" " 5 per cent Bond No 5	1000	00
" " Interest on 5 per cent Bond	900	00
" " " " 6 " "	360	00
" " Rent of Town Hall	500	00
" " " " Armory Hall	50	00
" " Int. On School House in Farnumsville	92	00
" " Int. Dist No. 3-7-8	46	00
" " " " Engine Houses	29	10
" " " " Barn on Town Farm	22	20
" " " " Hearse House Hearse & Harnesses	11	40
" " " " Library Hall & Office Fixtures	37	50
" " " " Recording Deed		55
" " Borrowed Money	17,000	00
" " Interest on the Same	609	42
" " Assessors Orders of Abatement	68	43
" " Abbie R White vs Town of Grafton	6	92
" " State Aid	36	00
" " State Aid	1203	00
	63.141	88

Amount Recived	$65.428.38
Amount Paid	63 141 88
Cash On hand	$ 2,286 50

Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 3d 1873

A Copy

James W White Town Clerk

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Inventory as follows Feb 17th 1873

2	Oxen	185 00
15	Cows	750 00
1	Horse	75 00
4	Swine	53 00
24	Fowls	18 00
3	Tons Corn Fodder	30 00
6	" Swale Hay	108 00
12	" Meadow Hay	144 00
12	" English Hay	360 00
1½	" Oat Fodder	30 00
2	Ox Wagons	90 00
1	Sleigh	15 00
2	Carts	75 00
1	Horse Wagon	40 00
1	Express Wagon & Harness	65 00
1	Lumber Sleigh	20 00
3	Ladders with Hooks	15 00
	Ox Yokes and Hay Carts	22 00
	Cultivator & Harrow	8 00
2	Ox Sleds	40 00
2	Horse Rakes	50 00
3	Ploughs	15 00
1	Grind Stone	7 00
1	Mowing Machine	100 00
	All Other Farming Tools	130 00
1500	feet Hard Lumber	37 50
104	Bushels Corn	131 20
10	" Rye	10 00
65	" Potatoes	56 00
60	" Swede Turnips	30 00
110	Galls Cider	16 00
8½	Bbls Apples	8 25
175	lbs Beef	14 61
125	" Hams	16 25
	Groceries On Hand	17 50
	Buts & Other Vegetables	6 00
	House Hold Furniture	450 00
100	Saw Logs at Mill	180 00
100	Rail Road Ties	40 00
50	Cords of Wood	175 00
		3647 80

Due from the State	40,60
" for Milk	132,25
" " Wood, Lumber & Other items	215,93
" from Sutton	2,50
" " Townsend	19,20
" " Westfield	8,00
Cash On Hand	92,14
	$510,62

Total Amount of Inventory $4,157,92

Receipts

By Cash On Hand Feb 20th 1872	85,16
" " From the Town of Quincy	13,14
" " " Debts due	173,87
For Beef Sold	249,38
" Fowls Sold	11,70
" Calves Sold	21,03
" Wood and Posts Sold	166,16
" Rail Road Ties "	167,95
" Lumber Sold	237,36
" Cider Sold	21,90
" Milk Sold	501,29
" Apples Sold	13,50
" Potatoes and Other Items Sold	73,62
" Pigs	8,50
" Hay	47,15
" Team Work	40,00
" Town Treasury	1,525,78
	$3537,34

Expenses Away from the Farm

" For Charles Putnam and Family	$ 65,48
" " John Aldrich and Wife	83 84
" " Felix Morway and Family	178,44
" " Daniel F Brooks.	7,00
" " State Reform School. Francis Tirrell	5 85
" " State Lunatic Hospital. Sally Jennings	198,80
" " " " " Richard Cooper	35 50
" " City Hospital Worcester John Jennings	21 26
" " Mrs Mary M Hayward and family	28 00
" " Mrs Mary McFarland	17 60
" " City of Cambridge George E Flagg	29,50
" " Reuben Cassett and family	19 20
" " D G Fairbanks and family	125 1

Paid for	Mrs. Persis Rice		$ 10,00
"	Thomas Lepre		8,45
"	Mathew Railleigh		22,47
"	H. M. Ross		16,71
"	A Leamon		4,41
"	Mason A Morse		27,80
"	Mrs Reed to Monson and Tewksbury		295
"	Mrs Keefe		400
"	Mary Cassidy		8,00
"	Henry A Wischens		8,00
"	Mrs Gates		12,60
"	Town of Bellingham F T Coburn		9,59
"	Burial Expenses. Shepard Cooper		24,50
"	" " John Laduke		10,45
"	" " Pauline Bird		9,00
"	" " A J Harringtons Child		7,00
"	" " Daniel F. Brooks		10,75
"	" " Felix Morway		12,00
"	" " Lucien A Putnam		9,00
"	" " H. M. Ross		12,00
"	" " Joseph Lamon		7,75
"	" " Daniel G Fairbanks		10,75
"	" " Miss Bird		10,00
"	" " Mrs Ballards Child		4,00
"	Examining Records & traveling Expenses in pauper cases		19,50
"	Postage and Stationary		3,00
			$ 987,73

Paid at the Farm

Paid	Frederick Buss for labor. due April 1st 1872	$ 243,50
"	John Kelly Balance of Salary " " " "	250,00
"	Groceries	293,32
"	John Kelly on Account of Salary for 1873	100,00
"	for Labor Exclusive of Agents Salary	461,98
"	" Grass Seed and Fertilizers	38,65
"	" Stock	24,00
"	" Sawing Lumber	89,50
"	" Mowing Machine	100,00
"	" Meat	211,38
"	" Repairs on Buildings	26,07
"	" Clothing of Inmates	66,44
"	" Blacksmithing	85,49
"	" Farming Tools	26,81

Paid for Household Goods		$ 67,19
" " Meat & Hay		210,44
" " Seed Corn and Seeds		12,15
" " Grinding Grain		6,16
" " Making Cider		15,40
" " Sundry Items		11,27
" " Burial Expenses of Mason A Morse		15,00
" " Medical Attendance and Medicine		35,72
" " Services of Oversers		105,00
Amount Paid at the Farm		$ 2477,47
" " Away from the Farm		987,73
Total Amount paid	$ 3,465,20	
Cash On Hand	92 14	-3,557,34

Whole number of tramps put up 180. and 137 more have had meals. Number of persons at the Alms House at the present time 6. Whole number of rods bored 274— The Ploughs and Scrapers used on the roads are not in the invoice. Pay will be due John Kelly on the 1st of April - $100,00

Respectfully Submitted

James G Putnam, Hollis Chamberlin, L L Mason — Oversers of the Poor

A Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Chief Engineers Report

Town of Grafton

In Account with G F Jourdan. Chief Engineer

For Expenditures for the Fire Department for the Year Ending February 17th 1873

Cr

By Cash received of Town Treasurer $ 2,447,88

Dr

Rescue Engine Company No 1

Paid Services of 51 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1872	$ 345,02
" Care of Engine and Apparatus	20,00
" Repair on Engine Hose	4,29
" Hunneman & Co Repairs on Engine	28 00
	$ 397,31

over

Empiror Engine Company No 2

Paid Services of 47 men for Year Ending May 1st 1872		$ 361.69
" Care of Engine and Apparatus		20.00
" Wm Jeffers Repairs on Engine		208 67
" Freight On Engine		13,40
" Carting Engine to and from Worcester		12,50
" Repairs On Engine House		580
" S B Allens Bill for Sundries		418
		626,24

Blackstone Engine Company No 3

Paid Services of Fifty three men for Year Ending May 1st 1873		$ 395.01
" Care of Engine and Apparatus		2000
		415,01
Paid. Care of Hook and Ladder apparatus for Year Ending May 1st 1872		5,00
" E L Rider. Watching fire at L Whitneys		200
" A. H. Allen 700 feet of new Hose		99,50
" Expenses for getting Hose & Express		482
Amount of Cash received	2447, 88	
Amount of Cash Paid	2447 88	

All of which is respectfully Submitted

G F Jourdan, Chief Engineer

A Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Town of Grafton in Account with J F Searle Book Agent.

Cr

By Books on hand Feb 17 1872		$ 213,39
" Cash " " " " "		43,62
" " received of the Town		145,15
" " " from Books Sold		520,37
		$ 922,53

Dr

" Cash Paid for Books	$ 473,90	
" " " Agents Salary	46,47	
" " " Text Books & Grants to Schools	138,93	
" Books On Hand Feb 17th 1873	214,22	
" Cash " " " " "	49 01	— 922,53

J F Searle

Grafton Feb 17th 1873

A Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Report of Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery for Year Ending March 3 1873

Dr

To Cash On Hand	$16,78	
" " Recived during the Year	104,50	$151,28
Cr		
To Cash paid during the Year for improvements		62,20
Balance in Hands of Treasurer		$ 89,08

L. H. Bigelow Treasurer

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk.

Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery
Town of Grafton in Account with the
Trustees of Riverside Cemetery—

Dr.

Sept 26th 1872	Paid John Daniels for work in Cemetery		$ 20,00
Nov 25 "	" " " " "		25 00
Feb 20 1873	Balance Cash On hand		6,90
			$ 51,90

Cr

Feb 23 1872.	By Cash On Hand	$ 11,45	
Jany 17 1873	" " B Newton for timber	2,80	
Feb 20 "	Lots Sold	37,65	$ 51,90
" " "	Balance Cash on Hand		6,90

For the Trustees Henry F Wing Treasurer

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Town of Grafton in Account with
The Committee On the Common—

1872 April 25th	Paid Labor raking Leaves &c.		$ 3,50
" May 29	" " Mowing weeds &c.		1 00
" June 7	" " Repairing rail		50
" July 25	" L S Whitlock removing Elm Tree		12,00
" Aug	" Mowing weeds & Grass		5,50
" "	" Grading & weeding walks		23 00
1873 Feb 17th	Cash on hand		4,50
			$ 50,00

Cr

Aug 5 By Sels Amens Order		50,00

For the Committee D W Norcross—

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Report of Committee Chosen to defend the Suit brought against the Town by Miss Abbie M White. was accepted as follows

"The Committee Chosen on the fifteenth day of January 1872 to defend the Suit Brought against the Town by Miss Abbie M White. have attended to that duty and Report. that they made an offer of Judgement against the Town for the Sum of forty Six dollars. The Court gave Judgment against the Town for forty five dollars debt or Damage and cost of Suit taxed at Six dollars and ninety two cents (692). from which Judgment the Plaintiff Appealed— but has since withdrawn her Appeal and accepted the Judgement of the Justice before whom the Suit was first brought. which Amount has been paid by the Town

Rufus E Warren
J D Wheeler
J W McKenzie } Committee

Grafton March 3 1873"

A Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The Committee Chosen April 1st 1872 to take into Consideration the School House wants of Waterville. made a verbal report which was accepted—

The Building Committee of Farnumsville School House Submitted their Report which was Accepted as follows—

The Committee appointed by the Town to purchase Land and build a School House for the Farnumsville District would respectfully Submit the following bill of Expenditures—

Paid for School House Lot		$ 175,00
" " Digging & Stoning Cellar		600,00
" " Building N. Elliott		4500,00
" " Grading Around House		138,52
" " Pointing Cellar		45 00
		$5458 52

Geo W Fisher
Sam Harrington
H C Greenwood

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Committee Chosen to take into consideration the Expediency of Selling the Poor Farm belonging to the Town. Submitted their report which was accepted as follows –

In the Warrant for the Annual Meeting of last Year the following Article was inserted –

"Art 10th To See if the Town will cause the Town Farm and property connected therewith to be Sold or Act thereon"

Under this Article it was Voted that a committee of three be chosen to take the matter contemplated in this Article into Consideration and report at some future Meeting

That Committee now beg leave to Report –

To provide for the wants of the destitute and those unable to supply their Own needs is a duty not Only imposed by law but by Every persons conscience. And we doubt not it is the desire of Every citizen to provide comfortable and pleasant homes for the poor and the unfortunate. thereby rendering as far as may be the condition of this Class of Our community comfortable and happy in declining years –

The Only question for us to consider seems to be, how to Accomplish this Object most conveniently and Economically. It has been our fortune for Several years to have but few inmates at Our Almshouse. the number averaging about five and a half persons. It is a question whether it is for the interest of the Town to retain so large a farm for this Small number of Inmates – If we had a much larger number as is the case with many of the Towns of the commonwealth. and those able to labor, and do considerable part of the work upon the farm and in the House it would very materially alter the circumstances and perhaps be advisable to keep the present farm – But as it is Your Committee are Unanimously of the Opinion that it is for the interest of the Town to materially diminish the Amount of their Almshouse property –

Our present farm contains an Area of 213 Acres 150 rods. Very pleasantly and conveniently located on the great thoroughfare leading from this Town to the City of Worcester and 5½ Miles from the latter place with good buildings pleasantly situated, and in good repair – also containing a very valuable wood lot. convenient to market upon which it is Estimated by those acquainted with the premises there is now Standing One thousand Cords of wood fit for market –

On Account of the great depth of Snow the Committee have not bun Able to Examine it Sufficiently to make an Estimate —

Also a lot of Young wood land of 24 acres 20 rods which belonged to the formed Town Farm and adjoining the present farm. The growth of wood on this lot. is from 12 to 18 Years and might be retained for the use of the family, if the Town should decide to make any Change in their Estate —

The whole number of Acres belonging to the Town is 238. 120

In the Opinion of Your Committee this Real Estate without the Young wood Lot. cannot be worth less than $10 000 00 as compared with the Sale of Other farms in Town —

The Personal Property is Estimated at about $4000 — making of Real, and Personal Property $14 000 — the interest at 6 per cent is $840 — in addition to this there has bun drawn from the Town Treasury on an average for the last 6 Years about $100 — a Year to Support those at the Alms-House. Also there has bun cut from the farm on an average for the same period viz 6 Years about $540. — worth of wood and Lumber. we Estimate this to be worth One half this Sum on the Stumps. $270 —

There is Also a loss to the Town in Taxes. were this property Owned by a private Citizen we Should receive an annual Tax of from 100 to 200 dollars. So that the annual cost of Supporting those 5½ individuals is as follows

Interest on Capital invested	$ 840,00
From Town Treasury	100,00
Value of Wood & Lumber cut	270,00
Loss of Taxes	150 00
Total	$ 1360,00

an average of $ 4.74 per week to Each inmate

While we find that the average weekly cost in the Town and City Alms Houses in the State is Substantially $2.50 — and in the three State Alms Houses only about $2.00 per week — We do not believe this large Expense attributable to Any want of good management on the part of the Superintendant and Overseers, or of productiveness of the farm but from the fact of having so large an Establishment for so Small a number —

In the 8th Annual report of the Board of State Charities the population of the several Towns, No of Acres of Alms-House property and Expenses at the farm and away from the farm are given but the No of inmates is not given

Most of the Towns Own quite large farms. In fifty two towns in this County the number of Acres to Each is 149. ranging from 20 Acres to 300. Acres. and we think it will appear that those Towns which have the Smallest No of Acres and least Valuation of property have no more Expenses Otherwise than those which have the most. - For instance. the Town of Harvard with a population of 1341 has a farm of 112 Acres. and Alms House property Valued at $14400 - and pays in Addition $1255 or 84 cents for Each inhabitant - Whereas. Clinton with a population of 5429. has 20 Acres of Land Valued at $4,500 of Real and Personal pays 2500 $. or 46 cents to Each inhabitant - Bolton with 80 Acres and Valuation $4200 - pays 69 cents to Each inhabitant - Holden with 200 Acres Valued at 6000 - Real and Personal pays 97 cents to Each Inhabitant - So that we think it is Safe to say that those Towns. having the Smallest farms. have no larger Expenses otherwise than those with the largest Valuation of Alms House property. Yet we are of the Opinion that we cannot dispense with a good comfortable Alms House -

The House on the present farm is well adapted to the purposes for which it is now Occupied, and Seems to possess. All the conveniences needed -

As in Our judgment our present property is decided - by too large. we will present two plans for reducing it. One is by Selling all the large wood and timber on the farm which we think if the Estimate of the Amount be Correct is worth on the Stump $3000 - and then Sell all the land on the South Side of the Millbury road which we Estimate at 150 Acres (without the Young Wood lot) in lots of Such Size as will Suit purchasers. which we Estimate to be worth $4000.00 or a little less than $27 - an Acre. we could in that case Sell a part of the personal property.

If we Should Sell that amount of Land the Barn would be much larger than would be needed -

The Other plan is to Sell the whole farm Except the Young wood lot with the buildings and purchase a Small place in Some more central location with a house of Sufficient Size for the purpose wanted, and a few acres of Good Land, - we think Such a place may be bought fitted up and furnished with Sufficient personal property at an Expense of from $5000. to $6000 -

Which of the two plans will be for the best interest of the Town will depend upon the Opportunity either a

over

part of the Whole farm we now Own.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 3. 1873

John McClellan
Rufus E Warren
S. E. Stowe
} Committee

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

On Motion of A A Bigelow it was Voted that the Same Committee be Authorized to Sell the farm in Such manner as they may think best and also provide a Suitable place for the Poor—

On Motion of S H Knowlton it was Voted to choose a Committee of three to be nominated by the Moderator. to build a School House at Waterville. at an Expense not Exceeding two thousand dollars for House and Land. the Same to be completed ready for use as soon as the first of November next—

The Moderator nominated J S Nelson. S. H Knowlton Said Committee and they by Vote Chosen—

Took up the fourth Article in the Warrant.

On Motion Voted that the manner of repairing the Highway Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year. be the Same as it was last Year. which was "to leave the repairing of the Highways in the hands of the Selectmen"

Took up the Fifth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to raise Twenty Five Thousand Dollars to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year. Then On Motion Voted to make the following Appropriations of the Same.

For	Interest on Town Debt.	$ 2,140.00
"	Common Schools	5000.00
"	High and Grammar Schools	2000.00
"	Fire Department	1500.00
"	Rent of Town Hall	500.00
"	Town Bond No 6 - 5 percent	1000.00
"	" " No 3. 6 "	1000.00
"	Repairs of Highways	3000.00
"	Grand Army. On Memorial Day	100.00
"	Town Library. the Surplus Dog fund and	400.00
"	Other Town Charges. and Expenses	8360.00
		25,000.00

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to Allow no discount On Taxes the Ensuing Year, and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand. And that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury On or before the first day of October next. And that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day. be Subject to an addition of One percent per Month until paid and All legal cost for collecting. The Collector to pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him collected. Once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bill.

Then On Motion Voted to fix the Compensation of the Collector. by putting up the Collecting of the Taxes at Auction to the lowest bidder. which was accordingly done. and Struck off to A A Ballou at Eleven Sixteenths (11/16) of One percent.

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and by Ballot chose A. A Ballou. Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing. A A Ballou was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing March 5: 1873 by James H White. Town Clerk.

Took up the Seventh Article in the warrant and on Motion Voted that the fixing of the compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing Year. be left with the Selectmen.

Took up the Eighth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to Allow Firemen the Same compensation that was Allowed them last Year. which was ten dollars for the Year. and a like proportion for a Shorter term of Service

Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant, and on Motion Voted to accept the list of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box. as the same is printed with their Report. (for List See page 228 of this Record)

Took up the Tenth article in the Warrant. and On Motion Voted that the High School be kept in the building Owned by the Town for that purpose in the central part of the Town

Took up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause One of the Church Bells in the Centre of the town to be rung at 12 Oclock, M and at 9 Oclock P. M. - after passing the above Vote. Winthrop Faulkner remarked that he understood that a Steam Engine and Whistle were soon to be located in the Centre Village in Grafton. and moved that the Selectmen Exercise their own Judgment whether to have a Bell rung. or Whistle Sounded which motion was carried in the affirmation.

Took up the Twelfth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to leave the matter contemplated in this Article with the Selectmen

Took up the Thirteenth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to choose a Committe of five to take the matter contemplated in this Article into consideration and report at some future meeting. Before proceeding to the Choise of the Committee a Motion was made to reconsider the Vote whereby a committee was chosen to build a School House in Waterville. a Vote was taken on the Motion and declared in the negative Then by Nomination chose H C Townwood Franklin Baldwin Luther K Leland. Joseph A Dodge and J. W. Mc Kenzie said Committee.

Took up the Fourteenth Article in the Warrant. The Moderator said the matter contemplated in this article had been Settled and there was no need of action thereon

Took up the Fifteenth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion of Winthrop Faulkner Voted that the Selectmen Authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town until Such time as the Bonds provided for can be put in Market. at Six and a half per cent. Co

Then On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting Monday the Seventh day of April next. at two Oclock in the Afternoon at the Town Hall.

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 1st 1873

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day in accordance with a Vote of the Town passed March third A D 1873 the following Persons were appointed to Office viz.

James W McKenzie Measurer of Lyme Leather

Measurers of Wood and Bark

A J Hall
E Fowler
L H Bigelow
David Fisher
C C Willis
E Potter
E O Lindley

Weighers of Hay and Coal

Sam'l Harrington — Sworn April 3 1873 By James W White Town Clerk
Geo K Nichols — Sworn April 3d 1873 By James W White Town Clerk
G C Taft
C C Willis
E. Potter

Sealer of Weights and Measures

James W White — Sworn April 1st A D 1873 by H S Wing Just of the Peace

Grafton June 2d 1873

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day. Amos G Getchell and James H Thomas were appointed Constables of the Town of Grafton for the remainder of the municipal year.

Amos G Getchell and James H Thomas were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Constable of the Town of Grafton to which Office they have each been appointed. by the Selectmen

By me James 4th A D 1873

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 7th 1873

Pursuant to adjournment from March 3d 1873 -
The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton at Two O'clock in the afternoon and transacted the following business viz. The meeting was called to Order by I D Hall Moderator and on Motion Voted to dispense with the reading of the Records of the last meeting -

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant -
Rufus E Warren having declined further Service as One of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery proceeded By Ballot to choose One to fill the vacancy thus made and made unanimous Choise of Reubert Taft to fill said Vacancy

Took up the Fifth Article in the Warrant and on Motion of George F Slocomb it was voted to Appropriate three hundred dollars (300.00) towards defraying the Expense of lighting the Street Lamps in the centre of the Town the Ensuing Year with an additional Appropriation to the Other Villages in the Town which may Erect Street Lamps in like proportion to the number of Lamps Erected

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant.
The Committee Chosen at the last meeting to take into Consideration the wants of New England Village in reference to a School House. Reported verbally in Substance that they found the Village School House not what was wanted that it was not a Building which could be altered without great Expense and did not recommend that the Town do any thing about it this Year. Report Accepted
Then dissolved this Meeting
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town Affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the twenty first day of April 1873 at 3 Oclock in the Afternoon to Act on the following Articles. to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

Art 2 To See what Action the Town will take in relation to the Petition of Louis A Stowe and Others to the County Commissioners to lay out a new road from B W Fays Barn to the new County road leading from Grafton to Upton

Art 3d To hear the Report of Any Outstanding Committee

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting - Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid - Given Under Our Hands this twelfth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy three -

A M Bigelow
D F Jourdan
J H Wood
F Baldwin
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton April 21st A D 1873

I have Served the foregoing warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed -

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

Attest
A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 21st A D 1873

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty-first day of April 1873 and transacted the following business viz By Ballot Chose S Davis Hall Moderator. (Check list used)

Took up the Second Article in the warrant and On Motion Voted that the Selectmen meet the County Commissioners and Oppose the laying Out of the proposed road

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant. There being no Outstanding Committee to report the meeting was dissolved

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Grafton August 4th 1873

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day Jonas H. Chickering was appointed Lockup Keeper for the Year Ensuing who Signified his acceptance and took the of Office On the fifth day of August. A D 1873

Before Me James W White Town Clerk

At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held on the fifteenth day of August A D 1873 the following persons were appointed Police Officers with all the powers of Constables except the power of Serving civil-process. to hold their Office during the Entire day of the Sixteenth day of August A D 1873. On which day they were required to be on duty Especially in the central part of Said Grafton. Viz. George F Jourdan J F Searle Henry Mann. Simon F Pierce. George M Newton who were Severally notified of their appointment and Signified their acceptance of the Same and were on the Same day duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office. by me

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton Sept 29th 1873

Jonas H Chickering Sir At a Meeting of the Selectmen this day You was appointed. Constable G F Jourdan Sec'y

A Copy received Sept 30th 1873 Attest James W White Town Clerk

Jonas H Chickering was duly Sworn Sept 30th 1873 to the faithful discharg of his duties as Constable By me James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the Fourth day of November next at nine O'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said Month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. And for a Councillor for the Third Councillor District. and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District. and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester. and for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester, and for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester, and for a Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Worcester

and for a Representative to represent the twelfth representative District in Worcester County in the General Court of Massachusetts to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next

The votes for All the above Officers will be received open and unfolded on One Ballot, or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate Ballots as best suits the voter. Each vote to specify the Office voted for. The Polls will be Open to receive the Votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A M— and may be closed at twelve Oclock M.

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under Our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy three

A M Bigelow
A F Jourdan
J H Wood

Selectmen
of
Grafton

on

Worcester ss November 4th 1873

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Grafton and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed -

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs, met in the Town Hall in Said Grafton. On Tuesday the fourth day of November A D 1873. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in Said Month.

The Meeting was called to Order by Abram M Bigelow Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Said Grafton. and the Warrant calling Said Meeting was read by the Town Clerk

At ten Oclock in the forenoon the Polls were Opened to receive the Votes for the Officers Specified in the foregoing warrant. and On Motion it was Voted that the Polls be Closed at three Oclock in the afternoon

At three Oclock in the afternoon, all persons present having the right and Expressing the desire to Vote having had the Opportunity so to do. and no Objection being made the Polls were closed -

The Votes given in having been Sorted, Counted and Recorded. were declared as follows

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was three hundred and Fifty three 353

William B Washburn of Greenfield had Two hundred and Eleven Votes 211

William Gaston of Boston had One hundred and forty two Votes 142

The Whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was Three Hundred and Sixty 360

Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Two hundred and Eighteen Votes 218

William L Smith of Springfield had One Hundred and forty two Votes 142

The Whole Number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was Three Hundred and Sixty One 361

Oliver Warner of Northampton had Two hundred and twenty One Votes 221

Benjamin F Mills of Williamstown had One hundred and forty Votes 140

The Whole Number of Votes for Treasurer and Reciver General was Three hundred and Fifty 350

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had Two hundred and Eleven Votes 211

Nathan Clark of Lynn had One Hundred and thirty nine Votes 139

The Whole Number of Votes for Auditor of Accounts was. Three Hundred and Sixty— 360

Charles Endicott of Canton had Two Hundred and twenty One Votes 221

C. Osgood Morse of Newburyport had One Hundred and thirty nine Votes 139

The Whole Number of Votes for Attorney General was Three Hundred and fifty Eight 358

Charles R Train of Boston had Two Hundred and nineteen Votes 219

Waldo Colburn of Dedham had One Hundred and thirty nine Votes 139

The Whole Number of Votes for Councillor for the Third Councillor District was Three Hundred and Sixty One 361

Milo Hildreth of Northborough had Two Hundred and Eleven Votes 211

Jonathan H Wood of Grafton had One Hundred and Forty nine Votes 149

B B Nourse had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District was Three Hundred and Twenty two 322

Charles E Whitin of Northbridge had One Hundred and Seventy four Votes 174

Jeremiah Batchell of Blackstone had One Hundred and Forty three Votes 143

Abram M Bigelow of Grafton had One Vote 1

George F Slocomb of Grafton had One Vote 1

Francis D Fisher of Southboro had Two Votes 2

Charles A Pinniman of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for County Commissioner for Worcester County was Three Hundred and Sixty 360

J Warren Bigelow of Rutland had Two Hundred and thirteen Votes 213

J Otis Hale of Hubbardston had One Hundred and Forty Six Votes 146

Jerry Flagg of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for County Treasurer was Three Hundred and Sixty 360

Charles A Chase of Worcester had Two Hundred and Twenty One Votes 221

Charles Heywood of Gardner had One Hundred and Thirty nine Votes. 139

The Whole Number of Votes for Register of Deeds was Three Hundred and Fifty 350

Alexander H Wilder of Worcester had Three Hundred and Fifty Votes. Being the entire vote. 350

The Whole Number of Votes for Register of Probate and Insolvency was Three Hundred and Fifty Eight 358

Charles E Stevens of Worcester had Two Hundred and Twenty Votes. 220

Levi Barker of Worcester had One Hundred and Thirty Eight Votes. 138

For Representative to represent the Twelfth District in Worcester County. in the General Court of Massachusetts to be Holden at Boston on the First Wednesday of January A D 1874. Charles L Pratt of Grafton had Two Hundred and Forty three Votes 243

Asa H Allen of Shrewsbury had One hundred and Seven Votes 107

The Certificates of all the foregoing Votes having been made out. Signed and Sealed up in Open Town Meeting and all the Votes and Checklist having also been sealed up according to law. the Meeting was Dissolved —

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton November 5th A D 1873

The Town Clerks of Grafton & Shrewsbury met at the Town Hall in Grafton at 12 Oclock M. and found the Vote for Representative for District No 12 to be as follows

Grafton Vote		Shrewsbury Vote	
Charles L Pratt	243	Charles L Pratt	88
Asa H Allen	107	Asa H Allen	83
Pratts Entire Vote	331	Allens Entire Vote	171

James W White Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners began and holden at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the fourth Tuesday of December A D 1873. and by adjournment on the tenth day of February A D. 1874

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Worcester.

Respectfully represents the Grafton Centre Railroad Corporation. is now engaged in the location of their railroad from Grafton Station on the Boston and Albany Railroad to near the Common in Grafton centre. That in the location of said road it is necessary to cross certain Town and County roads in Grafton as follows. to wit

Across the road from Grafton to Westboro near the Congregational Meeting House

Across a Town road about thirty rods South of Francis Carrolls Barn Across a town road about forty rods South of Daniel Sullivans House

Across a town road near the House of Samuel W Putnam

Across a town road near the Shoe Shop of Jasper W Putnam

Across a County road near the House of William T Barker

Across a County road near the Grafton Station on the Boston and Albany Rail road. And said Corporation respectfully ask leave to cross all of said roads aforesaid at grade. in such manner as Your Honors shall direct and said corporation also desire Your Honors to direct what alterations if any shall be made in any of the above Specified town and County roads Wherefore said Grafton Centre Railroad Corporation respectfully requests Your Honorable Board. after due notice to all parties in interest to proceed to view the premises and to direct definitely what alterations if any shall be made in any of the town and County roads aforesaid. and in what manner and upon what terms said crossings shall be made. and for such further Orders in the premises as to Your Honors shall seem meet.

Grafton October 14th 1873

Jon^{a} D Wheeler

President of the Grafton Centre Railroad Corporation

(A copy ~~attest~~ James W White Town Clerk)

Worcester ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners began and Holden at Worcester on the Second Tuesday of September A.D 1873. and by adjournment. On the twenty fifth day of October A.D 1873. On the petition aforesaid Ordered- That notice be given to All persons and Corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the Town Hall in Grafton in said County on Monday the first day of December A.D. 1873. at ten of the Clock in the forenoon. by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this Order thereon in the Worcester Palladium, a Newspaper printed in Worcester in said County. three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Town Clerk of the said Town of Grafton with an attested copy of said petition and Order thirty days at least and also post up an attested copy thereof in two public places in said Town of Grafton fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid. at which time and place the said Commissioners will proceed to view the route set forth in said petition. to hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard thereon. and if they shall adjudge that the prayer of said petition. ought to be granted. then to Authorize said Crossings to be made. over the route above described and to Assess all such damages as any person or corporation may sustain by the location and construction of the crossings and alterations aforesaid. and to do whatever else may legally be done in the premises.

And the County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before mentioned. On so much of said petition, as relates to the crossing (being the first crossing mentioned in said petition) of said Railroad over a County road in said Grafton and therein described as the road from Grafton to Westboro near the Congregational Meeting House. and having viewed the route described in said petition. and having heard all persons and corporations interested therein who expressed a desire to be heard thereon. Considered and adjudged that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, that public convenience and necessity require that said railroad crossing should be at grade and on a level with said County road, it being at a place convenient for passing said County road

Either Over or Under Said railroad by a bridge. And Said Grafton Centre railroad Company are Authorized to to construct Said Croping at grade and on a level with Said County road by lowering Said road .65 of a foot. the approaches on Either Side to be properly graded and planked to the width of thirty feet on Each Side of Said croping meaning at right Angles with Said road —

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before Mentioned. On So much of Said petition as relates to the crossing of the Grafton Centre Rail road (being the Second crossing mentioned in Said petition) over a town way in Said Grafton and therein described as a town road about thirty rods South of Francis Carrolls Barn Said Grafton Centre Railroad Company petition to crop Said town way with their railroad at grade and on a level therewith by raising Said town road 1.87 feet. And having viewed the road aforesaid described and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who Expressed a a desire to be heard thereon. Considered and adjudged that the prayer of Said petition Ought to be granted that public Convenience and necessity require that Said crossing Should be at grade and on a level with Said town road it being at a place inconvenient for passing Said town way. either Over or Under Said Rail road by a Bridge. And Said Grafton Centre Rail Road Company are Authorized to construct their Said croping at grade and on a level therewith by raising Said town road 1.87 feet. The approaches on Either Side to be worked a regular inclination for a distance of 125 feet. and to the width of 18 feet Exclusive of Side ditches. and properly planked to the width of 18 feet. measured at right Angles with Said road. and to be railed on west Side if railing is necessary."

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before Mentioned. On So much of Said petition as relates to the crossing of the Grafton Centre Railroad. being the third crossing mentioned in Said petition over a town road in Said Grafton and therein discribed as a town road about forty rods South of Daniel Sullivans House. Said Railroad Company petition to cross Said Town road at grade and on a level therewith by raising Said town road 5.42 feet. Said Commissioners having viewed the road afore described and having heared all persons and corporations interested therein

who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon considered and adjudged that the prayer of Said ~ Ought to be granted, that public convenience and necessity require that Said Railroad Crossing Should be at grade and on a level with Said town road. it being at a place inconvenient for passing Said town road Either Over or Under Said railroad by a bridge. And Said Grafton Centre Railroad Company are Authorized to construct their Said Crossing at grade and on a level with Said road by raising Said town road 0,42 feet the Southerly approach to be worked a regular grade for a distance of 150 feet. The wall on the west Side of the town road for a distance of four rods to be moved back Several feet. The Southerly approach to Said Railroad to be worked a regular inclination for a distance of 100 feet. to be railed as far as railing is necessary. To be planked on Each Side to the width of 18 feet measured at right Angles with Said town road

The fourth crossing mentioned in Said petition. and therein described as the town road near the house of Samuel W Putnam is a private way and no Action is necessary and none was taken ~

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before Mentioned on So much of Said petition as relates to the crossing of the Grafton Centre Rail Road (being the fifth crossing mentioned in Said petition) over a town road in Said Grafton and therein described as a town road near the Shoe Shop of Jasper W Putnam Said Grafton Centre Railroad Company petition to cross Said town road at grade and on a level therewith. and having viewed the premises and road aforesaid described. and having hegred all persons and Corporations interested therein who Expressed a desire to be heared thereon. Considered and adjudged that the prayer of Said petition Ought to be granted. that public convenience and necessity require that Said Railroad Crossing Should be at grade and on a level with Said town road. it being at a place inconvenient for passing Said town road Either Over or Under Said railroad by a bridge. and Said Grafton Centre Railroad Company are Authorized to construct Said Crossing at grade and on a level with Said town road. the approaches on Either Side to be properly planked to the width of 20 feet on Each Side of Said Crossing measured at right Angles

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before mentioned, on so much of said petition as relates to the croping of the Grafton Centre Railroad (being the sixth croping mentioned in said petition) over a county road in said Grafton, and therein described as a County road near the house of Wm T Burke said Grafton Centre Railroad Company petition for leave to cross said County road at grade and on a level therewith by lowering said County road 8½ feet. And having viewed the route and road described in the aforesaid petition, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon considered and adjudged that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, that Public convenience and necessity require that said Railroad croping should be at grade and on a level with said County road, it being at a place inconvenient for passing said County road either over or under said railroad by a bridge. And said Grafton Centre Rail Road Company are Authorized to construct said railroad crossing at grade and on a level with said County road, by lowering said County road 8½ feet, the approaches on Each Side of said croping to be worked a regular inclination for a distance of One Hundred and fifty feet, each way. The road to be worked to the width of twenty feet Exclusive of Side ditches for the same distance and planked on Each Side of said croping to the width of twenty feet, measured at right angles.

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place, and for the purposes before mentioned, On so much of said petition as relates to the crossing of the Grafton Centre Centre Railroad (being the Seventh croping mentioned in said petition) over a County road in said Grafton, and therein described as a county road near the Grafton Station on the Boston and Albany Rail Road, said Grafton Centre Railroad Company petition for leave to Cross said County road with their said Railroad at grade and on a level therewith, and having viewed the route and road described in said petition, and having heard all persons and Corporations interested therein who Expressed a desire to be heard thereon, considered and adjudged that the prayer of said petition Ought to be granted, that Public

convenient and necessary require that said railroad crossing should be at grade and on a level with said County road it being at a place inconvenient for passing said County road either over or under said railroad by a bridge And said Grafton Centre Railroad Company are authorized to construct said croping at grade and on a level with said County road, the approaches on either side to be properly planked to the width of twenty four feet measured at right angles And it is further Ordered that all the crossings afore described shall be made in a workmanlike manner, to be railed where railing is necessary, and suitable ditches constructed, outside of the traveled part of the highway to carry off all surface water. And it is further Ordered that all damages caused by the construction and maintainance of said crosings whether by the change of grade of the various roads or from other causes shall be paid by said Grafton Centre Rail Road Company— And it is further Ordered that the afore described crosings shall be made and completed by said Grafton Centre Railroad Company on or before the first day of July A D 1874 to the acceptance of the County Commissioners—

And it is further Ordered that a Copy of this adjudication and Order be sent to the President of the said Grafton Centre Rail Road Company, and a Copy to the Town Clerk of the said Town of Grafton for their information in the premises

A Copy
Attest John A Dana Ass't Clerk

A Copy Received February 16th A D 1874
at 7h 10m P M
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcister ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcister Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Monday the Second day of March next. at Nine Oclock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles viz

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting —

Art 2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year Ensuing

Art 3d To hear the Reports of the Several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Art 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the Ensuing Year —

Art 5th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the Ensuing Year and make appropriations of the Same. and act thereon

Art 6th To See what discount the Town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the Town Shall direct, and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury. and fix the Compensation of the Collector and act thereon.

Art 7th To See what Compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year and act thereon

Art 8th To See what Compensation the Town will allow Firemen the Ensuing Year and act thereon

Art 9th To See if the Town will accept of the List of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box or act thereon.

Art 10th To determine where within the Town the High School Shall be kept the Ensuing Year —

Art 11 To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M. and at 9 Oclock P M or act thereon

Art 12th To See if the Town will build a new School House at New England Village as petitioned for by F Baldwin and Others or act thereon.

Art 13th. To See if the Town will make an additional appropriation of One Hundred dollars to complete the School House and grounds at Waterville or act thereon

Art 14th. To See what action the Town will take to meet the requirements of Sec 1. Chap 262 of the Statutes of 1873 in relation to Truant Children -

Art 15th To See what Sum of Money the Town will appropriate towards defraying the traveling Expenses of Such Scholars attending the High and Grammar Schools as reside One and one half Miles or more distant from Said Schools

Art 16 To See if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to fence the School House lot at Brigham Hill, as demanded by those who Own the land adjoining -

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farmums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting -

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under Our hands this Eighteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy four

A M Bigelow
G F Jourdan
J H Wood
F Baldwin
J J Powers
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 2d 1874

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farmums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed

S Davis Hall. Constable of Grafton

A Copy -

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton March 2d 1874

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs. met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the second day of March A D 1874 and transacted the following business viz

The Meeting was called to Order at nine Oclock in the forenoon, and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk. Then by Ballot S Davis Hall was chosen Moderator to preside in said meeting (checklist used)

Prayer by Rev Mr Tindall — Art 2d

Then on Motion of James W White it was voted to bring in the votes for a Town Clerk. Five Selectmen a Town Treasurer. Three Assessors. Three Overseers of the Poor One General School Committee for three years. One General School Committe for One Year, One Trustee of Riverside Cemetery. One Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery. One Common Committee and Seven Constables On One Ballot. —

Then On Motion of Luther K Leland. it was voted that the Polls for the Choise of the above Offices be closed at One Oclock this afternoon —

At One Oclock in the afternoon the Polls were closed and the votes having been Sorted and Counted were declared as follows

Town Clerk

The whole number of votes for Town Clerk was three hundred and twenty two. James W White had three hundred and twenty two votes and was unanimously Elected and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office and immediately Entered upon the discharge of the same

Selectmen.

The whole number of votes for Selectmen was three hundred and thirty Six. Huldah Bassett had One Vote, Jerry Flagg had One Vote, Jerry Robinson had two votes J H Wood had four votes. S D Hall had Eighteen votes — Franklin Baldwin had three hundred and Eight votes and was Elected — John J Powers had three hundred and ten votes and was Elected. Silas Vinton had three hundred and five votes and was Elected Reuben Taft had Two hundred and Eighty two votes and was Elected — Thomas F Griggs had three hundred and Eight votes and was Elected.

Franklin Baldwin, John J. Powers, Silas Winton and Reuben Taft were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall Moderator in Town Meeting and immediately Entered upon the same -

Thomas J Briggs was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. March third A.D 1874 by James W White Town Clerk

Treasurer

The whole number of Votes for Treasurer was three hundred and ten 310

A M Bigelow had One Vote 1

Rufus E Warren had three hundred and nine Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

Assessors

The whole number of Votes for Assessors was three hundred and twelve. C D Aldrich had One Vote - S D Hall had One Vote - Gilbert C Taft had three hundred and ten Votes and was Elected Barnabas Newton had three hundred and seven Votes and was Elected S A Knowles had three hundred and Eight Votes and was Elected. Barnabas Newton and S A Knowles were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall Moderator

Gilbert C Taft - was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office April 30th 1874 By James W White Town Clerk

Overseers of the Poor

The whole number of Votes for Overseers of the Poor was three hundred and nine - 309

James S Putnam had three hundred and nine votes, and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall, Moderator

Amos S Getchell had three hundred and seven Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of this Office by James W White Town Clerk

Perley Goddard had three hundred and Eight Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

General School Committee for 3 Years.

D. W Norcross had three hundred and One Votes and was Unanimously Elected and Accepted the Office

General School Committee for 1 Year

A J Bates had One hundred and Seventy four Votes 174
Dr. T K Whittemore had One hundred and Seventy four Votes 174

and there was no choice -

On the Second Ballot for General School Committee
A J Bates had One hundred and thirty nine Votes 139
Dr T K Whittemore had One hundred and forty five Votes 145
and was Elected and Accepted the Office

Trustee of Riverside Cemetery -

The Whole Number of Votes for Trustee of Riverside Cemetery was three hundred and Six 306
S A Forbush Jr had One Vote 1
Reuben Taft had three hundred and five Votes and was Elected and Accepted the Office -

Trustee of Pine Grove Cemetery

Franklin Baldwin had three hundred and Eleven Votes and was Unanimously Elected, and Accepted the Office

Common Committee

George F Slocomb had three hundred and nine Votes and was Unanimously Elected -

Constables

The whole number of Votes for Constables was three hundred and twelve. Ed Thacher had One Vote
B Newton had One Vote - J F Searle had One Vote
George F Jourdan had Three hundred and Eight Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of this Office by James W White Town Clerk (March 2)

Amos G Getchell had three hundred and five Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by J W White Town Clerk

D W Norcross had three hundred and two Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

Henry Mann had three hundred and nine Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

J H Thomas had three hundred and three votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

Simeon E Crombe had three hundred and Six votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

S D Hall had three hundred and Nine votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

On Motion Voted to choose the remaining Town Officers necessary to be chosen. by Nomination at large-

On Motion Voted to choose Eleven Field Drivers for the Ensuing Year- Thus by Nomination by the Moderator Chose
Joseph A Dodge Sworn March 2d by Moderator
A R Whitehead
Charles L Clay Sworn March 2 by Moderator
Frank M McGarry
Edward F Marble
Frank P Macomber
Edward R White
Robert Scott.
Horace Dalrymple
John Brown
Gardner L Harpenter Sworn March 2 by Moderator
Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing-

On Motion Voted to choose three Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing. Thus by Nomination Chose John McClellan. Benj W Fay and Silas E Stowe for Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing and they were forthwith duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall Moderator-

On Motion Voted to choose two Surveyors of Lumber for the Ensuing Year. Thus Chose Ruben Taft and Benjamin Kingsbury Surveyors of Lumber for the Year Ensuing- and they were both duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by S D Hall Moderator

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the Ensuing Year.

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Year Ensuing.

On Motion Voted that the Selectmen Appoint a Pound Keeper. and All Other Town Officers necessary but not chosen which may lawfully be Appointed by them.

Took up the third Article in the Warrant,

The Selectmen's Report having been printed and corrected was accepted as follows — viz:

"Selectmen's Report."

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton.

The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the Year Ending March 2d 1874 Submit the following Report of the Condition of the Town

They have Settled with Rufus E Warren Treasurer of said Town and find his Account correct as follows

Dr.

To Cash received from All Sources as per Report of Treasurer. $74.343.92

1873 Cr

	Paid for Common Schools	$5899.65	
Sept 29th	" " School House at Waterville	1000.00	
Nov 24	" " " " "	1000.00	
	" Repairs on School Houses	706 37	
	" " Furnace at Farnums Hill School House	319 75	
	" " Care of High School House	4100	8966,77

High and Grammar Schools

March 7th	Paid J E Warren	$	132,00
" 17	" Henry Tatlock		250,00
April 21	" J E Putnam		72.00
May 5	" D W Norcross		282,75
June 2d	" Henry Tatlock		250,00
" 30	" J E Warren		144 00
July 7	" J E Putnam		168 00
" "	" Henry Tatlock		250 00
" "	" D W Norcross		36,00

Carried up

Nov 14	Paid	J E Warren	$132,00
Dec 12	"	W T Souther	450,00
" "	"	J E Putnam	180,00
1874 Feb 2	"	Charles L Clay	150,00
			$2496,75

Fire Department.

1873 May 6th	Paid	G F Jourdan	$ 1119,17
July 7	"	" " "	53,83
Sept 1	"	" " "	32,75
1874 Feb 16	"	" " "	6,89
			$ 1212,64

Highways

1873	Paid	Repairs on Highways	$ 3296,51

Overseers of the Poor

1873 April 7th	Paid	James G Putnam	$ 357,50
May 5	"	" " "	48 69
July 7	"	" " "	75 70
Aug 4	"	" " "	116,25
	"	" " "	53,00
Nov 8	"	" " "	224,41
1874 Jan 10	"	" " "	148,77
Feb 14	"	" " "	140,00
			$ 1160,32

Library

1873. April 21st	Paid	H F King	(Doz Fund)	$ 320,16
Dec	"	" " "	"	400,00
				$ 720,16

Sextons

1873 March 5th	Paid	F N Hall	$ 6,80
April 7	"	James Gleason	41,60
May 5.	"	L H Bigelow	4,10
July 7	"	James Gleason	41,70
Sept 5	"	H H Cady	29 55
Oct 6	"	James Gleason	28,92
Dec 1	"	H H Cady.	16,50
1874 Feb 17	"	James Gleason	31,75
" "	"	F N Hall	900
			$ 214 92

School Committee

1873			
March 17th	Paid	A J Bates	$ 139,50
" "	"	D W Norcross	275,00
" "	"	F A Jewett	140,00
" "	"	F Baldwin	60,00 $ 614,50

1873 Military Expenses

Aug 4 Paid J F Searle Pay Roll $83.50

1873 School Book Agent

June 12th Paid J F Searle $50.00

1873 New County Road

May 16.	Paid	I Shurtleff & Co	$1000.00	
June 20	"	" "	200 00	
" 23	"	" "	537.13	
" 24	"	" "	900 00	
July 2	"	" "	125.00	
Nov 29	"	" "	220 00	
" "	"	" "	64 87	$3650.00

1873 Boarding Roads

March 3	Paid	J H Wood	$184.15	
" "	"	G F Jourdan	26.70	
" "	"	M O Kelly	49.20	
" 4	"	Lewis Holbrook	124.90	
" "	"	J. H. Wood	110.00	
April 4	"	J H Wood	93.00	
" 7	"	John McClellan	39.30	
" "	"	L H Goulding	54 20	
" "	"	J H Kenowlton	143.35	
" "	"	J E Stowe	90 10	
" "	"	O H Murdock	99 53	
" "	"	R. E. Warren	74 45	
" "	"	J H Wood	347 20	
" "	"	G F Jourdan	111 15	
May 5	"	J H. Wood	19 50	
1874 Jan 5	"	Richard Long	2.60	
Feb 2	"	M. O Kelly	5 20	
16	"	G. F Jourdan	29 10 "	$ 1632.43

1873 Miscellaneous

March 3	Paid	R E Warren Printing Town Reports	$ 97 04	
" 17	"	A J. Bates School Books	37.37	
April 1	"	A H White Ringing Bell	25 00	
" 21	"	H F Wing - Street Lights	150.00	
" "	"	F A Jewett. Vaccination	93 00	
" "	"	W E Rice " "	79.50	
June 2	"	C A White. Grand Army	100.00	
" "	"	R E Warren Advertising Town Farm	15.00	
July 7	"	J W White Care of Town Hall	37.50	
" "	"	J W Blake Damages	40.00	

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1873 July 7	Paid	R E Warren	Special Repairs on Highways	$ 17120
" 12	"	J H Chickering	Special Police	2400
Sept 1	"	H Gogswell	Mowing Cemetery	2,00
" "	"	S A Knowles.	Gravel	1500
" "	"	A G Getchell	Special Police	500
" "	"	J H Thomas	" "	5,00
" "	"	James Gleason	" "	500
" "	"	A Ford	" "	500
" "	"	William S Wood	" "	500
" 8	"	F M Ballou.	Building Bridge & Grading at Saunders Ville	50,00
Oct 6	"	H F Wing	Street lights	15,00
" "	"	D W Norcross	Common Committee	50,00
Nov 12	"	G F Jourdan	Repairs Engine house Farmington Ville	60,59
" 17	"	F Baldwin	Two new Hearses	97000
" 19	"	G F Jourdan	Printing	15,50
Dec 1	"	J B White	Coal	59,85
" "	"	A G Biscoe	Services	5,00
" "	"	J H Chickering	Constable	12,00
" "	"	James Gleason	"	1000
" 31	"	Reuben Taft.	Fence Saundersville Schoolhouse	32499
1874 Jany 5	"	J W White	Care of Town Hall	3750
" 6	"	A L Burrows	damage to Horse	10,00
Febry 2	"	S B Haly	Furniture for Lockup	280
" "	"	E R White	Surveying	20,00
" 10	"	G F Jourdan,	Painting Engine House Farmington Ville	8635
" "	"	G C Taft	Services as Assessor	4450
" "	"	Selectmen's	Services	200,00
" "	"	Bacon & Aldrich's	Bill	181,72
" "	"	C H. White.	Watering place	5,00
" "	"	G F Jourdan,	Gravel	4,80
" "	"	Witness Fees	in Cooper case	4016
" 16	"	J W White	Services	18650
" "	"	S E Stowe	Assessor	38,40
" "	"	Furniture	Watervill School House	3053
" 18	"	R E Warren	Paying State Aid	50,00
" "	"	B Newton	Collecting Taxes 1871 & 1872	12,06
" "	"	"	" Services as Assessor	60,00
" "	"	I D Hall	Services	26,00
" "	"	A A Ballou	Collecting Taxes 1873	189,64
				$5333,50

over

Total Amount of Selectmens Orders		$29,482,00
" Other Sums paid as per Report.		46.36581
Total Amount Paid		$ 75 797.81
Amt. Paid	$ 75,797,81	
Amt Rec'd	74343 92	
Amt. Due Treasurer	1,453,89	

Liabilities of the Town

Due Agent at Town Farm		$ 393,30
Borrowed of Sundry Persons at 7 per cent		19 334,84
Town Bonds at 5 per cent		16,000.00
" " " 6 "		3000.00
Accrued interest on Bonds & Notes,		398,12
Due Town Treasurer		1,453,89 $ 42,620,15

Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes 1872		$ 574,96
" " 1873		4778.00
United States 5-20 Bond		1000 00
Due from State for State Aid		1060 00
Town Farm & Buildings		8000,00
Personal Property On Farm		3357,35
Cash items in hands of Overseers		469.62
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures		3000,00
One Hook & Ladder Carriage		300.00
Three Engine Houses		2400.00
One High Schoolbuilding and Land		4000,00
One Lockup		500,00
One Hearse House		400.00
Two New Hearses		1100,00
Furniture and Fixtures in Office		300.00
School Houses & Land	27000,00	$58,940 10

We respectfully Submit the following estimates for which the Town should provide by Tax or Otherwise in 1874 Viz

Interest on Town debt	$2469,96
Appropriation for Common School	5000.00
" " High & Grammar Schools	2000,00
Rent of Town Hall	500 00
Fire Department	1500,00
Town Bond No 7 - 5 per cent	1000.00
Repairs of Highways	3000 00
Other Expenses	9530 04
	25,000.00

At the following places Guide Boards are maintained within the town viz. At the corner of the near Warren Block. near J D Rhodes, near A D Whitneys near Edward Fahys Barn. near G F Jourdans, near Church in Farnumsville. near A Morse & Sons Store near Jefferson Bellows, near Farnums ville Depot. near the Charles McNamara place. near William Holbrooks. near H T Eddys. near Saunders Block near J McClellans, at the corner of the roads. north East from L L Brighams, near Charles Daniels' near J P Crosbys. At Each of the corners northerly of the Old cemetery. near B Kingsburys. near Quinsigamond House N E Village near Widow H B Fairbanks'. near J F Knowles near house on town farm. near Meetinghouse N E Village near J W Putnams northerly of the house of J E Young near Joseph Kimballs. at two places between the last named places. near E S Clarks, near B Aldrichs near Henry Wessons. On the Barn of B W Fay. near L N Lelands. Westerly of G M Dunns, near John O'Keefs near W A Fiskes. near Joseph Bruces—

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

G F Jourdan
J H Wood
F Baldwin
J J Powers
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The following is a list of names prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton to be placed in the Jury Box for the Year Ensuing—

Jury List.

Luke F Allen. Herbert F Allen John W Bigelow Franklin Baldwin M D Balcom L H Bigelow A M Bigelow W F Barker Alden M Bigelow. J H Chickering Francis Carroll John P Crosby Lorin S Davis J M Davenport Thomas J Drury Henry W Dennis Joseph A Dodge. Samuel W Eaton Baron Elliott. G W Estabrook Ezekiel Fowler Winthrop Faulkner Noah Fletcher H L Greenwood. W H Jones. M A Kirk J H Knowlton. J A Knowles. Levi N Leland E O Leighly. J W McKenzie Henry Mann

over

Lawson Munyan John McClellan W L Munyan George K Nichols J S Nelson George M Newton Barnabas Newton. D W Norcross L H Nichols. Leander Stockwell D A Whitney R E. Warren Frederick Waterman H. L. Warren. Henry. Wesson A R Whitehead H. F Wing. E F Wheeler S R White. Frank Worcester. David White C L Wood Willard S Wood Charles L Batt. J G Putnam Silas Vinton John A Swinson

A Copy - accepted.
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Collectors Report.

The Report of the Collector of Taxes. having been prepared and printed with the Other Reports was accepted in substance as follows. - (the names of delinquent Tax payers being Omitted in the Records.

A A Ballou in account with Town of Grafton - Dr

To Amount of Taxes for 1873 committed for Collection as per Assessors Warrant.	$ 32.122.82
To Amt. assessed Since date of Warrant.	25.12
To Int. On Taxes paid Since Oct 1st 1873	224.91
	$ 32,372.55

Cr.

By Amount paid Rufus E Warren Treasurer as per his receipts	$ 27.594.55
By Uncollected Taxes	4778.00
	$ 32,372.55

Respectfully Submitted
A A Ballou Collector

A Copy Except the names & Amt due of delynquents -
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Treasurers Report.

The Treasurers Report having been printed with Other reports was Accepted as follows after being Corrected

Town of Grafton

In Account with Rufus E Warren Treasurer Cr

1873 March 3	By Cash On hand			$ 2286,50
"	"	"	" Town, Townsend Jon Paupers	19,20
"	11	"	" J. B Newton Taxes 1872	100,00
"	13	"	" Rufus E Warren	4000,00
"	29	"	" J B Newton Taxes 1872	100,00

up

1873	April 1	By cash of State Treasurer for State Paupers	$ 1,05
	" 7	" " " Rufus E Warren	2000,00
	" 30	" " " B Newton Taxes 1872	100,00
	May 1	Notes to Myr E W Scanglin	1000,00
	" 3	" " Geo F Slocomb 4 Months	3000,00
	" "	Cash. Int. on 5-20 Bonds	30 00
	" "	Premium on Gold	4,98
	" 17	Note to Otis Norcross 1yr 7 percent	2000,00
	" "	" " M W Howland 7 percent	137484
	" 20	" Otis Norcross 7 percent	3000,00
	" 31	Cash B Newton Taxes 1872	100,00
	June 2	" B Newton " "	300,00
	" 18	" Boston & Albany R R Co	62,41
	" 21	Note to First National Bank 4 Months	4000 00
	" 23	Cash. B Newton Taxes of 1872	100,00
	" 28	" " " " " "	100,00
	" "	" Insurance Div. Central	750
	Aug 16	" of A A Ballow Collector Taxes 1873	600,00
	" 21	" " B Newton Collector " 1872	100,00
	" 21	" " Town of Clinton for paupers	1300
	" 28	By Cash. Note Geo F Slocomb 1 m	4000,00
	" "	" " of A A Ballow Collector 1873	300,00
	Sept 6	" " " " " " "	300,00
	" 13	" " " " " " "	500 00
	" 23	" " " " " " "	500,00
	Oct 2	" " " " " " "	14,500,00
	" 10	" " " B Newton Tax 1871	50,00
	" 11	" " " A A Ballow " 1873	2150 00
	" 22	" " " " " " "	600,00
	" 31	" " " " " " "	650 00
	" 31	" " " State Treasurer Military Bounty	8350
	Nov 5	" " " Note State Mutual Life Assurance Co.	5000,00
	" 8	" " " A A. Ballow Tax 1873	600,00
	" 18	" " " " " " "	400,00
	Dec 1	" " " Note at First Nat. Bk 1 m.	3000,00
	" 2	" " " State Treasurer State Aid	1100,00
	" 2	" " " " " Corporation Tax	1272,36
	" 2	" " " Nat. Bank Tax	487 60
	" 2	" " " Int. on 5-20 Bond	30,00
	" 2	" " " Premium on Gold	2 58
	" 5	" " " A A Ballow Taxes 1873	625,00
	" 15	" " " " " " "	350 00
	" 26	" " " " " " "	630,00

1871. Jan. 15	Rec'd of Chas. Thurston Note at First Nat. Bank	4 m.	$5000.00
" " 1 "	State Mutual Life Ass. Co		2000.00
" " 5 "	A A Ballou Tax "	1873	940.00
" " 12 "	" " "	"	455.00
" " 26 "	" " "	"	500.00
" " 26 "	" State Treasurer	Army rent	175.00
" " 26 "	" " "	School fund	264.28
" Feb. 3 "	" A A Ballou	Tax 1873	850.00
" " 12 "	" State Treasurer	Corporation Tax	100.90
" " 16 "	" J W White	rent of Town Hall	74.00
" " 17 "	" Geo F Jourdan	rent of Engine Hall	21.00
" " " "	" D W Norcross	Tuition of Shrewsbury Scholars	35.00
" " " "	" Error on Order for Teachers		11.70
" " " "	" Coal used private School		8.25
" " " "	" Old Dictionary Sold		1.45
" " " "	" Glass broken. Sch. House		1.60
" " 18 "	" A A Ballou	Col. 1873	870.00
" " " "	" B Newton	Tax 1871	31.59
" " " "	" "	Int on Same	14.45
" " " "	" "	Tax 1872	93.99
" " " "	" "	Int on Same	9.04
" " " "	" A A Ballou	Tax 1873	12.74.55
			$74,343.92

Dr.

To paying Selectmens Orders		29,432.00
" " State Tax		3,392.50
" " County Tax		2481.38
" " National Bank Tax		1281.58
" " 5 per cent Bond No 6.		1000.00
" " Interest on 5 per cent Bonds		850.00
" " 6 per cent Bond No 3		1000.00
" " Interest on 6 per cent Bonds		360.00
" " Rent of Town Hall		500.00
" " Rent of Armory Hall		50.00
" " Borrowed Money		33,000.00
" " Interest on Same		1226.66
" " Insurance on Schoolhouses & Library &c.		181.20
" " State Aid		1060.17
" " Assessors Orders of Abatement		27.32 $75,797.81
Total amt. Paid	75.797.81	
" Amt Receivs	7434.92	
" Due Treasurer	1453.89	

Rufus E Warren Treasurer

Grafton March 2 1874

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Printed Report of the Overseers of the Poor was Accepted as follows viz— — Inventory.

2 Oxen	$ 185.00	
14 Cows	600,00	
1 Horse	75,00	
3 Swine	55.00	
32 Fowls	24,00	
Corn Fodder	8,00	
8 Tons Swale Hay	128.00	
12 " Meadow "	144.00	
6½ " English "	162.50	
75 Bushels Corn	75.00	
1 Ox Wagon	90,00	
1 Sleigh	15.00	
2 Carts	75,00	
1 Horse Wagon	40,00	
1 Express "	65,00	
1 Lumber Sleigh	20,00	
3 Ladders with Hooks	15,00	
Oxyokes & Hay Cards	22.00	
Cultivator & Harrow	8.00	
2 Ox Sleds	40,00	
2 Horse Rakes	30,00	
1 Grind Stone	7.00	
3 Ploughs.	15,00	
1 Mowing Machine	100,00	
All Other Farming Tools	130,00	
3000 feet hardwood Lumber	90,00	
5 Bushels Rye	6.25	
87 " Potatoes	60,00	
Other Vegetables	5.00	
Hams and Pork	60,00	
Groceries	35,00	
Household Furniture	450,00	
98 Sawlogs at Mill 8000 feet	144,00	
275 Railroad Ties	110.00	
53 Cords Wood	220.00	
100 Fence posts	18.00	
3 Harnesses	35.00 —	$ 3357.35
Due from State.	$ 37,53	
" for Milk	153,40	
" From the Town of Townsend	43.81	
" for Wood & Lumber	92.24	
Cash On hand	140,62 —	$ 469.62
Total Amt Inventory		$3826.97

Overseers Report Continued

Receipts

Cash On hand Feb 1st '73		$ 92.14
Rec from Town of Sutton		2,50
" " " Wellfleet		8,00
" " Debts due		278,28
" for Pigs Sold		23,00
" " Fowls "		6,40
" " Calves "		263,26
" " Milk "		549,87
" " Wood & Lumber Sold		220,68
" " Hay "		32,88
" " Team and Labor "		67,70
" " Vegetables Sold		110,61
" " Other Items		28,84
" " Town Treasurer	1160,32	
" " Levi Flagg	30,00	— $ 2874 48

The following Sums have been paid to the Town Treasurer

From Boston & Albany R R. Forties		$ 62,41
" Town of Clinton		13,00
" " " Townsend		19,20
" The State		1,05
For the Rail Road from the Farm	950	— $ 105,76

Expenses Away from the Farm

For Joshua Robertson (Robinson)	$ 18,00
" Mary M Farland & Children	56,22
" Eunice Young	4,00
" Elizabeth Jennings at State Hospital	194,35
" John Aldrich	30,00
" Caroline Harrington	21,50
" Timothy Higgins	13,00
" City of Cambridge Rec E Flagg	55,00
" City of Worcester, Francis Firrell	12,00
" Mathew Raleigh	8,19
" Eunice Adams	10,32
" Zebina C Lincoln	20,00
" Mary C Heywood	22,92
" R D Prentice State Hospital	85,70
" Mary Cassidy	2,00
" Mrs Prentice	7,00
" Mr Rose & Children to Monson	195

Carried up

For M Rice	$ 4,00
" Gates Family	11,17
" Mrs S Rice	3,00
" Reuben Gassett	43,81
" Isaac Ball	1,00
" Putting up Tramps at Farmums Ville	5,75
" Examination of Records & traveling Expenses in Pursuance of Law	28,49
" Postage and Stationary	3,00 — $ 679,29

-Paid at the Farm-

Paid John Kelley balance of Salary due April 15th 1873 -	$ 100,00
" Louis Lonombra 7 months Labor	175,00
" for Other Labor	158,00
" John Kelley on Act of Salary for 74	100,70
" for Sawing Lumber	48,69
" " Repairs on Buildings & Tools	26,57
" " " Harnesses	21,00
" Farming tools	23,88
" Grass Seed and Seed Grain	52,77
" Blacksmithing	62,62
" Meal and grinding Corn	65,27
" Stock	33,00
" Groceries	340,00
" Dry goods, Clothing & Household goods	148,94
" Medical Attendance	9,75
" Meat	260,82
" Sundry Items	10,09
" Services of Overseers	110,00
Amount Paid at the Farm	$ 2054,57
" Paid Away from Farm	679,29
Total Amount Paid	$ 2733,86
Cash On hand	140,62
	$ 2874,48

Whole Number of tramps sent off 578 and 260 more had meals without lodging - Number of persons at the Almshouse at the present time 6 - Whole Number of weeks board 368. There will be due John Kelley on the first of April $ 393.30

Respectfully Submitted

James G Putnam
William Holbrook
Amos G Getchell
} Overseers of the Poor

A Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The Chief Engineers Report was accepted as follows

Town of Boston in Account with

G F Jourdan Chief Engineer.

For Expenditures for the Fire department for the year Ending February 17th 1874

Cr

By Cash received of Town Treasurer — $ 1212 64

Dr

Rescue Engine Company No 1.

Paid Services of 37 Men for year Ending May 1st 1873	$ 291,66
" Care of Engine and Apparatus	20 00
" E A Hood Sundries	3 08
" Wm Jeffers Repairs	32,75
	$ 347,49

Emperor Engine Company No 2

Paid Services of 47 Men for year Ending May 1st 1873	$ 387.50
" Care of Engine and Apparatus	20 00
	407,50

Blackstone Engine Company No 3

Paid Services of 47 Men for year Ending May 1st 1873	$ 380,00
" Care of Engine and Apparatus	20 00
" C C Willis Sundries	3 89
	403,90
Paid for 3 Spray Nozzles	48 74
" O B Dorr watching fire	2 00
" W B Cook Drawing Engine to fire at Mrs J Wheelers	3 00
	53,74

Amount of Cash Received $ 1212 64

Amt of Cash Paid 1212 64.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

G F Jourdan Chief Engineer

Book Agents Account. accepted as Follows

Town of Boston in Account with

J F Searle

Cr

By Books On hand Feb 17th 1873	$ 214,22	
" Cash " " " " "	49,01	
" " Received of the Town	50,00	
" " " For Books Sold	468,88 —	$ 782 11
Dr To Cash Paid for Books	$ 424,28	
" " " Agents Salary	42 62	
" " " Text Books & Grants to Poor	67 50	
" Books On hand Feb 17th 1874	212 24	
" Cash " " " " "	35 47	782 11

Report of Trustees of Riverside Cemetery accepted as follows -
Town of Boston in Account with
Trustees of Riverside Cemetery.

Dr

1874				
Feb 12th	Paid	John Daniels for work	$ 37,83	
" 16	"	F M Marble " "	12,75	
" 17	"	Balance cash on hand	24,79 - $	75,37

Cr

1873				
Feb 20th	By	Cash on hand	$ 6,90	
10	"	" J D Whicher for fence Posts	24,00	
16	"	" F M Marble for Timber	19,60	
17	"	" For Lots Sold	24,87 - $	75,37
1874 Feb 17		Cash in hands of Trustees.	24,79	

For Trustees

Geo K Nichols Treasurer

Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery accepted as follows
Town of Boston in Account with
Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery -

Dr

Received of Former Treasurer		$ 94,08	
" for Sale of lots during the year		10,00 - $	104,08

Cr

Paid for repairs and improvements		$ 35,25	
" " Work on Tomb		10,07 $	45,32
Balance of Cash on hand		58,76	

N K Merriam Clerk & Treasurer

Report of Common Committee Accepted as follows -
Town of Boston in Account with
The Committee on the Common Dr

1873 May 1st	Paid	Labor Raking Stones Leaves &c	$ 4,25	
Sept 6	"	relaying Culverts	2,90	
"	"	Covering & Side Stones and Carting	3,33	
Nov 7	"	Gravel, Loam and Spreading Same	4,83	
1874 Feb 18		Balance Cash on hand	39,19 $	54,50

Cr

1873				
Feb 17th	By	Cash on hand	$ 4,50	
Oct 6	"	Selectmens Order	50,00 -	54,50
1874 Feb 18		Balance Cash on Hand	$ 39,19	

For the Committee D W Norcross

The Reports of the Trustees of the Free Public Library and of the General School Committee were accepted as printed. For which see printed Copy on file—

Took up the Fourth Article in the Warrant.

I E Howe moved that the Town choose three Highway Commissioners. One for three years. One for two years. and One for One year. Thorndike Leonard moved an amendment. That the repairing of the Highways &c. be put into the hands of the Selectmen, with instructions to appoint One person in Each School District where there is not One of the Selectmen residing, to have charge of the roads within the District, under the direction of the Selectmen. The Amendment was accepted and the motion as amended was adopted—

Took up the fifth Article in the Warrant.

On motion of A. H. Bigelow it was voted to raise by Tax on the Polls and Estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton the Sum of twenty five thousand (25000.00) Dollars to defray the Expenses of the Town for the current Year

Then On Motion Voted Appropriate for Common Schools for the current Year five thousand Dollars $5000.00

Then On Motion voted to Appropriate for High and Grammar Schools the current Year Two thousand five Hundred Dollars $2500.00

Then on Motion Voted to Appropriate for the Fire Department the current Year One thousand five hundred Dollars. $1500.00

Then On Motion Voted to Appropriate for Repairs of Highways the current Year Three Thousand Dollars $3000.00

Then On Motion Voted to Appropriate for the Free Public Library the current Year four hundred dollars and the Surplus Dog fund so called— $314.27 Dog fund

Then On Motion Voted to Appropriate for the use of the Grand Army. for Memorial day One Hundred Dollars $100.00

Then On Motion Voted to Appropriate for the Grafton Centre Street Light Association for the current Year, Two Hundred Dollars, and also to Appropriate a proportionate Amount to Any of the Other Villages of the Town who have or Shall at their Own Expense Provide Street Lamps - according to the number of Lamps Provided -

Then On Motion Voted, to Appropriate One hundred Dollars for repairs and improvements on the Grafton Common the present Year, by the Common Committee

On Motion of W. Faulkner, it was Voted that the Selectmen Audit the Bills of J F Searle and S B Allen, for Firework procured by them last Year for Sale on the Fourth of July but which they were not permitted to Sell, and pay them their actual loss -

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted To allow no discount on Taxes the Ensuing Year, and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand, and that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury On or before the first day of October next and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be Subject to an Addition of One Percent per Month until paid and all legal costs for collecting - The Collector to pay Over to the Treasurer all moneys by him collected Once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bill,

Then Voted to fix the Compensation of the Collector by putting up the Collecting of the Taxes to the lowest bider, - which was accordingly done and taken by Barnabas Newton at ten Sixteenths (10/16) of One Percent,

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant, and By Ballot Chose Barnabas Newton Collector of Taxes for the Ensuing Year who immediately Signified his acceptance of the Office and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of it duties by S Davis Hall Moderator in Open Town Meeting

Took up the Twelfth article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to choose a Committee of five (5) to be nominated by the Moderator, to look into

(over)

the wants of New England Villag with reference to a New School House, and report at an adjourned Meeting, and also to procure and present plans and Specifications— Moderator Nominated for said Committee, Franklin Baldwin, Reuben Taft, W E Rice, Luke F Allen and T K Whittemore and they were Accepted—

Took Up the Fourteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted to refer the matter contemplated in this Article to the General School Committee to prepare such By-Laws, as shall be deemed necessary and Report at an adjourned Meeting—

Took Up the Seventh Article in the Warrant and On motion Voted that the fixing of the Compensation of the Sextons the Ensuing Year be left with the Selectmen

Took Up the Eighth Article in the Warrant, and On motion Voted to Allow Firemen the same compensation for the Ensuing Year that was allowed them last Year which was ten dollars for the Year and a like proportion for a Shorter term of Service—

Took Up the Ninth Article in the Warrant and Voted to Accept the List of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box (see Pages 273 & 274)

Took Up the Tenth Article in the Warrant and Voted that the High School be kept the Ensuing Year within the limits of Centre District—

Took Up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause One of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at Twelve Oclock M— and at Nine Oclock P M—

Took Up the Thirteenth Article in the Warrant and On Motion Voted that the Committee to build the School House at Waterville, dispose of the Old School House and appropriate the proceeds to finishing the new School House and grounds connected therewith—

Took up the Fifteenth Article in the Warrant, and On Motion of C M Batchelder, it was Voted to pass over the Article

Took up the Sixteenth Article in the warrant, and on Motion Voted that the Selectmen cause the School House lot at Brigham Hill to be properly fenced

Then On Motion Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the Sixth day of April next at One Oclock in the afternoon at the Town Hall

A True Record

Attest James W White Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the fourth Tuesday of December A.D. 1873 and by adjournment on the 4th of March A.D. 1874.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of Worcester

Gentlemen.

The Undersigned legal voters of the Town of Grafton in Said County respectfully represent that a petition Signed by a respectable number of legal voters of Said town has been presented to the Selectmen of Said town requesting them to lay Out for the use of the town a town way in the centre of Said town, beginning on the westerly Side of the road leading from Said Grafton Common to Westboro at or near the South Easterly corner of Samuel C Flagg's house lot, thence in a westerly direction to the new road So called leading from Said Grafton Common to Worcester at or near the South Westerly Corner of Land of Luke F. Allen, with which request the Said Selectmen have unreasonably refused to comply. Wherefore we respectfully request Your Honorable Board, at Your Earliest convenience to view the route Set forth in Said petition and to lay Out for the use of Said town a town way over the Same.

Grafton December 1st 1873

Jonathan D Wheeler & Others

Worcester ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Worcester within and for the County of Worcester on the Second Tuesday of September A.D 1873 and by adjournment on the Second day of December A.D 1873 On the petition aforesaid Ordered that Notice be given to the Congregational Society of Grafton, and to All other persons and corporations interested therein that Said commissioners will meet at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the Sixth day of January A.D 1874 at ten of the Clock in the forenoon by publishing an attested Copy of Said petition and of this Order thereon in the Worcester daily Spy a newspaper printed in Worcester in Said County One in a week three weeks Successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid.

And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of Said County

or his Deputy Serve the Town Clerk of the Said Town of Grafton and Said Congregational Society with attested Copies of Said petition and Order thirty days at least, And Also post up an Attested Copy thereof in two public places in Said Town of Grafton fourteen days at least before the day last aforesaid at which time and place the Said Commissioners will proceed to view the route Set forth in Said petition & hear all persons and Corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard thereon, and if they Shall adjudge that the prayer of Said petition ought to be granted, then to lay Out ~~and~~ locate and Establish Said Town way over the route Above described, and to assess all Such damages as any person or corporation may Sustain by the location and Construction of the Town road aforesaid, and to do whatever Else may legally be done in the premises -

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purposes before mentioned, and it appearing to them that due notice had been given to all persons and corporations interested, as required by Said Order, and having viewed the premises and route Set forth in Said petition, after due hearing thereon, considered and adjudged that the prayer of Said petition ought to be granted, that public convenience and necessity require a town way beginning on the westerly Side of the road leading from Said Grafton Common to Westboro, at or near the South ~~westerly~~ Easterly corner of Samuel C Flagg's house lot, Thence in a westerly direction to the new road So called leading from Said Grafton Common to Worcester, at or near the Southwesterly corner of of land of Luke F Allen, ~~and~~ that Said Selectmen of Grafton did unreasonably refuse and neglect to locate the Same as prayed for -

The County Commissioners proceeded forthwith, no person or corporation objecting to lay Out and locate a town way, in Said Grafton as follows to wit

Beginning at a Stone Set in the ground and numbered 1 Standing on the East Side of Worcester Street and by land of Luke F Allen, Said Stone Monument No 1 is On the north Side of the location and is 170,35 feet distant from a Stone Monument Set at the South west corner of "Warren Block" So called placed there by the County Commissioners in the relocation of Worcester Street - Thence on

the north line of the location and over land of Luke F Allen deflecting Southeast 77° 16' 109,8 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 2. Thence on an Arc of a circle whose radius is 185 feet. 157,9 feet Over land of Samuel C Flagg. and land of the Congregational Society in Grafton to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 3. Thence over land of Samuel C Flagg on a tangent to the curve 31½ feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 4. Thence over land of Samuel C Flagg deflecting to the left 50° 25' - 13 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 5 Standing on the west Side of North Street. Thence deflecting 49° 14' (interior angle) 61 feet on the line of North Street to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 10. On the South ~~line~~ of the described road -

The South line of the new Town road is described as follows to wit,. Commensing at a Stone Monument Set in the ground on the East Side of Worcester Street and numbered 6. Standing 61.26 feet from Stone Monument No 1 in a Southerly direction -

Thence at an angle of 51° 21¼" with the line of Worcester Street 12,4 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 7. Thence over Land of Jonathan Warren deflecting to the right 51° 21¼' 88.5 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 8. Thence on an Arc of a Circle whose radius is 135 feet over land of Jonathan Warren and the Congregational Society of Grafton 110,8 feet to Stone Monument Set in the ground and numbered 9 - Thence over land of Said Society on a tangent to the above Arc South 57° East 49.67 feet to a Stone Monument Set in the Ground and numbered 10 Standing on the west line of North Street. Said road on the north line is 305.8 feet in length. On the South line 361,3 feet and located between the Stone Monument above described and adjoining thereto. intending to cover all the land between Said Stone Monuments and all in Said town of Grafton -

The location covers 29.38.3 Square feet belonging to Jonathan Warren
" " " 2481. " " " " Luke F Allen
" " " 2329,8 " " " " Samuel C Flagg
" " " 6369. " " " " Congregational Society of Grafton

The County Commissioners having heard all persons and corporations Entitled to damage who desired to be heard thereon considered and adjudged that the following Sums be paid to the Several owners of land hereinafter mentioned or named in full consideration and compensation for all damage which they will Sustain by the Location and Construction of said road and that the same be paid by the Town of Grafton

To Jonathan Warren the Sum of		$ 483.33-
" Luke F Allen " " "		533,33
" Samuel C Flagg " " "		400.00
" The Congregational Society of Grafton the Sum of		883 33
" S H Knowlton Owner of Horse Shed No 7.		$ 25,00
" Mrs Champney " " " "	8	25,00
" W.S. Bruce " " " "	9	2500
" S Forbush " " " "	10	2500
" J D Wheeler " " " "	11	2500
" R Leland " " " "	12	25,00
" Lawson Mowryan " " " "	13	2500
" Mrs J Stone " " " "	14	2500
" Joseph Adams " " " "	15	25,00
" Benjamin Aldrich " " " "	16	2500

The Several Owners to have the right to remove the Horse Sheds.

The above Sums to be paid by the Said Town of Grafton

And now it is Ordered that the Said Town of Grafton cause the road aforesaid which is within the limits of the Said Town of Grafton to be worked made and completed in the most faithful and workmanlike manner and as follows to wit— The Said road must be thoroughly ploughed where ploughing is practicable and be thoroughly cleared of Stone Stumps and roots. The top Soil where it is unsuitable for making a hard and permanent road must be removed out of the travelled way, or may be used in Embankment if it be so placed as not to be within twelve inches of the Surface of the road when finished. Where the materials within the travelled part of the road are unsuitable for making a hard and durable road, and the Subsoil under the same is of a loamy or clayey character a top covering of at least 8 inches of good gravel

or Some Other good material (the best that can be Obtained in the vicinity whither within or without the location of the road) will be required over the whole width of 20 feet for the travelled part of the road. Said road must be judiciously crowned from the Exterior of the Sides of the travelled part thereof to its centre to the higth of 15 inches, and the travelled part thereof must be worked to the width of 20 feet Exclusive of the Side Slopes and of the ditches. So that Carriages and teams may pass with Safety and convenience over any and every part of the 20 feet aforesaid. The Said travelled part of the road must be worked in the centre of and parallel to its location without any regard to the additional widths laid out for materials in constructing the road. Except near its Angles which must be judiciously rounded, so as to render its turnings as gradual and easy as practicable

In grading the road care must be Exercised to avoid unnecessary undulations. and in no instance can an angle of ascent or descent in the direction of the road be allowed of greater magnitude than is hereafter mentioned

The Side ditches where they are needed must be constructed entirely without the travelled part of the road of 20 feet as aforesaid and must be made by Sloping from the exterior line of the travelled part of said road two and a half feet at an Angle of twenty four degrees or two and one half feet Slope to One foot rise to be measured horizontally with the base or cord line of the crown of the road. they must be worked parallel with the centre line or longitudinal axis of the travelled part of the road without unnecessary curvatures in their direction, and must gradually descend with a Smooth Even Surface in the direction of the road towards the point of discharge in Such Manner that no water can permanently Stand by the road Side -

All Bridges must be constructed with Substantial well laid Stone abutments. and be covered with the Same material. with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or Some Other good material and a crowning of the road of 8 inches in addition.

All Bridges must be made twenty four feet long. measured at right angles with the direction of the road and be Substantially and properly railed to the higth of three feet and to the width of not less than twenty feet between the railings clear of all Obstructions. All necessary Sluiceways must be made of the Same length as the bridge

and be measured in the same manner with good firm Straight Stone Sides or abutments not less than two feet apart and 18 inches high and be covered with the same material with a top covering of not less than twelve inches of good gravel or Some Other good material and the road over said Sluice way must be crowned 15 inches in addition. And said grading is as follows to wit

The grade of the road falls from North Street to Worcester Street 1,223 feet in 100 feet. At North Street cut 1,25 feet - From North Street plus 30 feet cut 0,386 feet

At Station No 1	Fill	0,457	feet.
" " "	2 fill	0,842	"
" " "	3 fill	0,775	
" " "	3 plus 27 feet	fill	0 119 feet
" " "	4 cut	0 222	feet
" " "	5 cut	0 603	"
" " "	5 plus	30 = cut	0,450 feet

At Worcester Street cut 1,25 feet. Sub grade 1,25 feet below grade - The Side ditches to be constructed so as not to interfere with the culverts or drains coming from the Estate of Jonathan Warren or from the grounds of the first Congregational Society of Grafton -

And it is further Ordered that Said road be worked and made hard, Safe and convenient for travelers to pass over with their teams, cattle, horses carts and carriages and that it be made and completed by the Said town of Grafton on or before the first day of July A D 1874 to the acceptance of the County Commissioners - And it is further ordered that the term of thirty days be allowed the Several Owners of land over which Said road is located to enable them to remove their Horse Sheds buildings and fences thereon Standing - And it is further Ordered that a copy of this Order and adjudication be sent to the Town Clerk of Said Town of Grafton there by him to be recorded in the town book of records for the information of the inhabitants of Said Town

A Copy Attest

John A Dana ast Clerk

A Copy Received March 10th A D 1874 at 6h 45m P M

Attest

James H White Town Clerk

Grafton April 6th 1874

Pursuant to Adjournment from the Second day of March last past. — The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs. met in the Town Hall in Grafton. at One Oclock in the afternoon. The meeting was called to Order by I Davis Hall. Moderator. and the following business was transacted — viz

Took up the Twelfth Article in the Warrant.

The committee chosen on the Second day of March last past. to look into the wants of New England Village with reference to a New School House. Submitted the following Report — which was accepted —

Your Committee appointed to investigate the wants and necessities of the New England Village School District. and Obtain Plans. Specifications and Estimates would report as follows.

1st As to Need of a New House —
We find the Old House to be inadequate to the Seating of the Scholars in attendance. Rooms only 9 feet high — too Small — and practically no Ventilation. Allowing less than 100 Cubic feet of Air Space for Each Scholar. while 200. cubic feet is the least Space compatible with Health —

2d As to Size of House needed —
There has been in attendance Each term for the last Year. Over One hundred and fifty Scholars constituting four grades. and a need of four rooms. there are four Teachers. and the two lowed grades are are crowded into One room. and one Teacher uses a Small Ante-room for recitations —

3d As to Location —
Your Committee Examined three different lots. and are agreed that the present School lot. with the Small lot adjoining to the north of the present lot which can be bought for $150.00 is the most Suitable and for the advantage of the town. on Account of 1st the cost of the Other lots. and the Expense of grading and fencing. & 2d the doubt to whom the present School lot would belong. in case its use for School purposes —

was discontinued — The present lot would require but little additional fencing and grading —

4th Plans, Specifications and Estimates —

We had some rough plans before us for consideration embracing the general idea desired, but found that we could get no satisfactory Estimates to present to the Town, and we decided to have Messrs Earle & Fuller, Architects draw plans, and make Specifications upon which reliable Carpenters could base their Estimates

We have the plans for Examination if desired. We also have the Estimates of four master builders —

We make Our Estimates for building wall digging Cellar, building house — Seats — grading and fencing, completing the work on the Basis of the lowest bid which is the Sum of $7,725.00

All of which is respectfully Submitted —

W E Rice
F Baldwin
Luke F Allen
Thos K Whittemore
Reuben Taft
} Committee.

On Motion of S. A. Knowles it was Voted that the Town build a School House at New England Village according to plans and Specifications approved by the committee which has just reported, and that the town appropriate Eight thousand dollars ($8000) for the Same, and that the Same Committee which has just reported be the Committee to build the house.

Luke F Allen one of the above Committee declined Serving on the Building Committee, was Excused by the Town and by nomination John B White was chosen in his place.

Took up the Fourteenth Article in the Warrant.

The committe Chosen on the Second day of March now last past to prepare a Code of By Laws concerning Truant Children and Absentees from School Submitted their Report which was accepted and adopted as follows

By Laws of the Town of Grafton, Concerning Truant Children, and Absentees from School.

Section I Every child residing in this Town who shall be convicted of being an habitual Truant, shall be punished therefor by a fine not Exceeding twenty dollars, and costs. — Or may be committed to any One of the reform institutions provided by the State for Offending Children, according to law made for the commitment of Children to said institutions for such time not Exceeding two years as the Magistrate having jurisdiction in such cases may determine

Section II Any child between the ages of Seven and fifteen, — and residing in this town, who shall be found wandering about in the Streets or public places of the Town having no lawful Occupation or business, not attending School and growing up in ignorance shall upon conviction thereof be punished in the same manner as provided in Section First of these By Laws for habitual Truants

Section III In any case of habitual truancy the teacher shall forthwith notify some member of the General School Committee.
The Truant Officer being notified, shall immediately notify the Parent or Guardian of the Offending child who shall be allowed to prevent Summary punishment by such pledges for restraining such child and keeping him or her in School as shall be Satisfactory to said Truant Officer and School Committee —

If the Parent or Guardian does not furnish and carry Out such pledges, the Truant Officer shall within One week Enter complaint against said Truant child before some Magistrate or Court having jurisdiction in such cases, so that said truant shall be proceeded against and dealt with according to law —

Section IV To prevent any Child from being unjustly deemed a truant, the parent or Guardian of such child in cases of necessary absence shall previously if possible or at the Earliest Opportunity

afterwards inform the Teacher by note or in person of such
necessary absence.

Section V The General School Committee Shall Annually
appoint and fix the compensation of two or more
Suitable persons as Truant Officers, whose term of
Office Shall be for One Year (unless Sooner removed by
the School Committee) and until Others Shall be
appointed in their place. Each Truant Officer
So Appointed Shall be duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office before Entering
upon the Same.

Section VI The School Committee Shall have the general
charge and Superintendance of the doings of the Truant
Officers. and the Truant Officers Shall Report all
their doings and the results to the School Committee.

Section VII It Shall be the duty of the Truant Officers
to inquire into all Violations of these By Laws
and do all the Acts required of them by the laws of
the Commonwealth and they are Authorized in
Cases of Violation of these By Laws to make complaint
and Carry into Execution the Judgment thereon

Section VIII In case any Offence by any Child against
against these By Laws comes to the Knowledge of any
Truant Officer he Shall immediately confer with
the Teacher of the School where Such Child belongs. and
if it appears to Said Officer upon Such conference
that Said Child has committed the Offence of being
an habitual truant. or the Offences Enumerated in
Section Second of these By Laws then Said Officer Shall
proceed as directed in Section third of these by laws.

Section IX. All fines received under these by laws
Shall be paid into the Town Treasury.

Section X Nothing in these By Laws Shall be construed
to control or impair the Obligations and duty of
teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of
attendance and to preserve good order and discipline

A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Not Approved

The Committee of the Grafton Common Presented the following preamble and Bylaws for the government and protection of the Common and its appurtenances which were accepted and adopted Viz

"In accordance with a Vote of the Town of Grafton passed at an adjourned Meeting of the Inhabitants of Said Town qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs from March 5th A D 1866 to April 2nd A D 1866 the twenty Second Article in the Warrant for which was. "To See if the Town will take any Measures or adopt any By Laws for the further improvement and Ornamenting of the Common in the centre of the Town, and for the better preservation of the Trees, Shrubbery, Fences, Walks, Grasses and Flowers which are or may be planted, Standing, Growing or being upon Said Common, or Gt thereon", and Under which Article a Committee of three persons was chosen, One for three Years, One for two Years and One for One Year from the first Monday in March A D 1866 and Until Others were Chosen in their place" with the additional provision that One member of Said Committee Should be annually Chosen by the town to Serve for the term of three Years and Until another was Chosen. Said Committee to be Called "The Committee of the Grafton Common", and to have the care, Oversight and Culture of Said Common, its Walks, Fences, Shade and Ornamental trees, Shrubs and Lawns, And all Other things Erected, grown, or placed thereon for Ornament or Use and Have the Oversight, care and management of all improvements and Ornaments of Said Common and have full power and authority to do all things necessary to protect and preserve the Common, its walks, lawns, Fences, trees and Shrubs, and and Other things that may be legally placed thereon for Ornament or Use, and prosecute all trespasses upon the Same —

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Said Committee of the Grafton Common as now constituted herewith present to the Town for their approval, and that the same may be approved by the Superiour Court. the following

By Laws.

Art 1st Any person who shall wilfully destroy, mutilate deface, injure or remove, any tree, Shrub grass flower or Other thing placed upon said Common for Ornament or use, Or who shall wilfully injure deface destroy or mar, any fence, post, Lamp, or Lantern or any walk or lawn, placed upon or belonging to or being a part of said Common, Shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Magistrate or Court of competent Jurisdiction Shall be punished by a fine not Exceeding twenty dollars (and the cost of prosecution, and Shall be committed to Either of the Jails or Houses of Correction in the County of Worcester until said fine and cost be paid, or said person be Otherwise discharged in due course of law)

Art 2d.

All persons are forbidden to make use of any tree Shrub or fence, upon or belonging to said Common as a hitching place for any Horse, Cattle or Other Animal, and any person so doing, Shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Magistrate or Court of competent Jurisdiction Shall be punished by a fine not Exceeding five dollars and the cost of prosecution and Shall be committed to Either of the Jails or Houses of correction in the County of Worcester until said fine and costs are paid, or said person be Otherwise discharged in due course of law—

Art 3d

All persons are forbidden to hunt, capture or destroy by any means or implements, any Birds, Birds-nests, or Birds Eggs, Or any Squirrels within the limits of said Common— And all persons are likewise forbidden to throw any Ball, Stone, Club Stick or Other Missel into the tops of any trees, Standing growing or being within the limits of said Common Any person offending against this article Shall be

punished by fine not Exceeding ten dollars and the cost of prosecution, and Shall be committed to Either of the Jails or Houses of Correction in the County of Worcester Until Said fine and cost be paid or Said person Shall be discharged in due course of law

Art 4th All fines collected Under the provisions of any of the foregoing Articles Shall inure to the benefit of the Town for the improvement and further Ornamenting Said Common

Not Approved

On Motion Voted that the Town cause the Valuation of the Town, and the Taxes assessed thereon as made by the Assessors for the Current Year to be printed -

Took up the Ninth Article in the Warrant. and on Motion Voted to Excuse Luke F Allen and Henry F Wing from Serving as Jurors the current Year and that the Selectmen be Authorized to Substitute Other names for theirs in the Jury Box -

Adjourned this Meeting for One half hour to take up another Warrant - at the Expiration of the half hour met according to adjournment and transacted the following business -

Took up the Fifth Article in the Warrant and on Motion Voted to raise Five Thousand Dollars ($5000) in addition to the Sum already raised to defray town charges the current Year. by Tax on the Polls and Estates of the Town

On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to Sell the United States Bond of One Thousand Dollars held by the Town, at its Marketable value

The Committee Chosen last Year to Sell the Town Farm reported No Sale—
Then dissolved this Meeting
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of April next at two O'clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting—

Art 2d To See what measures the Town will take to Construct the new road recently laid Out by the County Commissioners in the Centre of the Town northerly of the Congregational Society's Meeting House Or Act thereon

Art 3d To See if the Town will Sell a portion of their School House lot at Saunders Ville or Act thereon—

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New-England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders-Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

(1st)

Given under Our hands this nineteenth day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and seventy four

F Baldwin
J J Powers
Silas Winton
Reuben Taft
T T Briggs
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton April 6th 1874
I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnumsville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed
S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy
Attest
James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs, met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixth day of April A D 1874 and the following business was transacted. Viz -

1st By Ballot chose S Davis Hall Moderator (whitstand)

Took up the second Article in the Warrant and On motion Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to build the new road referred to in this article according to the directions of the County Commissioners -

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant, and On Motion Voted to pass over the article -
Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that We Rufus E Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Samuel Harrington and Silas E Stowe of Said Grafton as Sureties are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty thousand dollars for the payment of Which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents -

Sealed with Our Seals and dated this third day of March in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy four -

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the Said Rufus E Warren has been Chosen Treasurer for Said Town of Grafton for the Current Year and has accepted that Office and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same. Now if the Said Rufus E Warren Shall as Treasurer as aforesaid faithfully account for and pay Over All monys by him received and Also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid Office, then this Obligation Shall be void, Otherwise it Shall remain in full force power and vistue -

In presence of
James W White
Henry F Wing
G F Jourdan

Rufus E Warren L S
Sam Harrington L S
Silas E Stowe L S

Approved March 4th 1874

F Baldwin
J J Powers
Silas Brinton
Reuben Taft
Thos T Griggs
} Selectmen of Grafton

I Copy Recvd March 4th AD 1874
James W White Town Clerk

Know All Men by these presents that We D W Norcross as principal and Jonathan D Whelden as Surety both of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Otis Norcross of Boston in the County of Suffolk also as Surety are holden and stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the full and just Sum of Three Thousand Dollars to be paid unto said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their Successors or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves, Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents

Sealed with Our Seals Dated the twenty fourth day of March in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and Seventy four

The Condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the said D W Norcross has been duly Chosen One of the Constables of said Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing and has Accepted said Office. Now if the said D W Norcross as such Constable shall during the time for which he is Elected to said Office, faithfully perform the duties of Constable in the Service of Civil processes which may be committed to him, then this Obligation Shall be Void, Otherwise Shall remain in full force

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of
James W White
Henry F Wing
L A Norcross

D W Norcross L S
Jon^{a} D Whelden L S
Otis Norcross L S

Approved March 27th 1874
F Baldwin Chairman of Selectmen
Silas Dinson Secretary
Thos F Griggs

A Copy Received at 2^{h} 45^{m} P M March 27th A D 1874
James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 28th 1874

At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held this day the following persons were appointed to Office for the Year ensuing - viz

For Engineers -

Geo F Gourdeau Henry Mann Silas E Stowe
James Gleason M R Howe J K Axtell
Aaron Elliott L H Bigelow S B Allen
Geo W Fisher C C Willis E Fowler

For Sealer of Weights and Measures.

James W White Sworn April 30th by H F Wing Justice of the Peace

For Pound Keeper

Benjamin Kingsbury.

Measurers of Wood & Bark

J H Wood
G K Nichols Declined Serving
A J Hall
Elbridge Potter
E O Lindley
E Fowler
C C Willis Sworn May 7th 1874 by James W White Town Clerk

Weighers of Hay & Coal &c.

Saml Harrington Sworn April 30th 1874 by J W White Town Clerk
Geo K Nichols Sworn April 30 1874 by J W White Town Clerk
G C Taft Sworn April 30 1874 by J W White Town Clerk
C Fowler
C C Willis Sworn May 7th 1874 by James W White Town Clerk
Elbridge Potter

Measurers of Superficies

Joseph A Dodge Sworn April 30th 1874 by J W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the twenty Eighth day of April current at two O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit.

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2d To see if the Town will authorize the issuing of a larger amount of Town Bonds than they have already provided for, or act thereon.

Art 3d To see if the Town will Exempt from Taxation, the Bonds of the Town which may be taken by its Citizens or act thereon.

Art 4th To see if the Town will Authorize the Treasurer to borrow Money for the use of the Town, or act thereon.

Art 5th To see if the Town will adopt a code of By Laws relating to truant Children, Or act thereon.

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saundrs Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy four.

F Baldwin
Silas Brinton
Reuben Taft
J T Briggs
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton April 20th 1874

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said

(over)

Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

D W Norcross Constable of Grafton

A Copy of Warrant & Return

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton On Tuesday the twenty Eighth day of April A D 1874 at two O'clock in the afternoon and by Ballot chose Leander Stockwell Moderator (Check List used)

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant and after some remarks upon the subject of the art. it was voted to pass over the same

Took up the third Article in the Warrant and On motion voted to pass over the same

Took up the Fourth Article in the Warrant and on motion voted to Authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town, under the direction of the Selectmen

Took up the Fifth Article in the Warrant.

The General School Committee having prepared a code of By Laws relating to Truant Children and absentees from School which were thought to be free from certain objectional provisions in a former code prepared by them and adopted by the Town April 6th A D 1874 Presented the same and after being read by the Town Clerk was adopted as follows

By Laws

Section 1 Any Child between the ages of seven and fifteen years who is an habitual Truant or is found wandering about the Streets or public places of the Town of Grafton, having no lawful Occupation or business, not attending School and growing up in ignorance, shall

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upon conviction thereof be committed to the State Primary School at Monson for confinement, discipline and instruction for a term not Exceeding two Years -

Section 2d The School Committee of the Town of Grafton Shall appoint and fix the Compensation of two or more Suitable persons to be designated as Truant Officers who Shall under the direction of said Committee inquire into All cases arising under these By Laws and the acts of the Commonwealth relating to truantz, and Shall alone be Authorized in cases of violations thereof to make Complaints and Carry into Execution the Judgment thereof

Sec. 3d The State Primary School at Monson is by Vote of the Town Assigned as the place of Confinement discipline, and instruction for persons convicted under the provisions of these By Laws -

Sec 4th These By Laws Shall take Effect from and after their adoption and Approval -

Grafton June 8th 1874

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day Full Board present J B Sibley of Grafton was appointed Auctioneer -

James W White Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Board of State Charities State House Boston

July 2d 1874

To the Town Authorities of Grafton

Gentlemen

At a meeting of this Board held July 1st 74 it was voted that the Town of Grafton have permission to use the State Primary School at Monson as the place of confinement for its Truants under Chapt 262 of the Acts of 1873

Yours Truly

F B Sanborn

Acty Secy pro Clerk

Recorded Page 80 School Committee Records

A Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton June 15th 1874

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen the following persons were appointed Constables of the Town and Special police for the Southerly part of the Town for the remainder of the Year viz

Levi S Whitcomb Sworn June 15th 1874 by James W White Town Clerk
Wm S Fullerton Sworn June 16th 1874 by James W White Town Clerk

Also Appointed J H Chickering Sworn June 17th 1874 by Town Clerk
and James Gleason Sworn June 16th 1874 by Town Clerk

Constables of the Town to serve as night Police in the center of the Town for the remainder of the Year

Grafton July 15th 1874

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day E P Capron an Employee of the Grafton Centre Rail Road Company was duly appointed as Rail Road Police Officer for the purposes and with the Powers set forth in Chapter 331 of the acts of 1871

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held July 6th 1874 Upon the petition of numerous citizens of the Town it was Ordered that Ball Playing in the Streets and public Highways throughout the Town be prohibited, and that the Constables of the Town be requested to see that the above Order is Strictly enforced; and that the Town Clerk be directed to cause notices of the above to be printed and posted in different parts of the Town —

James W White Town Clerk

Appointment of Liquor Agent.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held on the fifteenth day of July A D 1874. J F Searle of said Grafton was duly appointed an Agent of Said Town to purchase intoxicating liquors and to sell the same within, for and On Account of Said Town, to be used in the Arts or for medicinal, Chemical and Mechanical purposes Only, until the first Monday in July A D 1875 Unless Sooner removed from Said Agency.

The place where Said liquors are to be Sold is, the Post Office Building so called. Situated in the central part of Said Grafton, On the Northerly Side of the "Grafton Common" and Westerly of the Store of Harrington & Nichols being the Same building in which the "Grafton Post Office" is now kept.

F Baldwin
J J Powers
S Winston
Reuben Taft
F T Griggs
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton July 15th 1874
A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Liquor Agents Bond

Know all Men by these presents That. We J F Searle of Grafton in the County of Worcester as principal and J W McKenzie and C W. Stratton of Said Grafton as Sureties, are holden and Stand firmly bound to the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the Sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid unto them, their Successors or Assigns, to which payment we bind Ourselves, Our Heirs, Executors and Administrators Jointly and Severally, firmly by these presents.-

Sealed with Our Seals, and dated this fifteenth day of July A D 1874

The condition of this Obligation is Such that Whereas the above bounden J F Searle has been duly appointed an Agent for the Town of Grafton to purchase intoxicating liquors and to Sell the Same within, for and On Account of Said Town to be used in the Arts and for medicinal Chemical, and Mechanical

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purposes and no Other until the first Monday in July A.D. 1875. Unless Sooner removed from said Agency

Now if the said J F Searle. Shall in All respects conform to the provisions of law relating to the business for which he is Appointed, and to Such rules and regulations as now are or Shall from time to time be established by the board making the Appointment then this Obligation to be void. Otherwise to remain in full force.

Executed in presence of
Geo A McKenzie
J K Axtell

J F Searle LS
J W McKenzie LS
C W Stratton LS

July 17th 1874 Approved

Silas Winston
Reuben Taft
Thos S Briggs

Selectmen
of
Grafton

A Copy Recvd July 17th 1874
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Division of Fence Between James Kelly of Grafton and Wm Claflin of Newton by the fence viewers of Grafton Upon application of James Kelly aforesaid to us for a division of Said fence—

We after having given due Notice to the parties or their Agents met On the premises on Monday June 15th 1874 at 9 Oclock A.M. and viewed the line of fence between the parties aforesaid. commencing On the road leading from N. England Village to Westborough a little northerly of Said Kellys Barn, and running Westerly to a Stake and Stones thirty Six rods more or less— And we hereby make Division of Said fence as follows, to wit) to the Said James Kelly the Easterly End commencing at the road aforesaid and running westerly 18 rods to the centre of Said line, and to the Said William Claflin of Newton the westerly End of Said line from the centre to the corner at the west End 18 rods—

John McClellan Chairman of Fence Viewers

A Copy Recvd July 25th D 1874 at 8h 15m P M.
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the third day of November next. at nine Oclock in the forenoon. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month. to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor Lieutenant Governor. Secretary. Treasurer and Receiver General. Auditor of Accounts. and Attorny General of the Commonwealth. and for a Councillor for the third Councillor District. and for a Senator for the second Worcester Senatorial District. and for a County Commissioner. and for two Special Commissioners and for a Commissioner of Insolvency. and for a Sheriff for the County of Worcester. and for a District Attorney for the Middle District. and for a Representative to represent the Ninth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States. And for a Representative to represent the twelfth Representative District in Worcester County. in the General Court of Massachusetts to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The votes for all the above Officers will be received Open and Unfolded on One Ballot or in Sealed Envelopes on Separate Ballots. as best Suits the Voter. Each Vote to Specify the Office Voted for -

The Polls will be Open to receive the votes for the above Officers at ten Oclock A. M. and may be closed at twelve Oclock M.

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by Posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of Holding said meeting

Hereof fail not. and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given Under Our hands this twentieth day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy four

F Baldwin Reuben Taft. } Selectmen of Grafton
J J Bowers F F Griggs }

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Grafton Nov. 3d 1874

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of Said Town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

I Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in Said Grafton on Tuesday the third day of November AD 1874, it being the Tuesday next after the First Monday in Said month.

The Meeting was called to Order by Franklin Baldwin Esq, Chairman of the Selectmen, and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk — At ten Oclock A.M. the Polls were Opened for the purpose of receiving Votes for the Several Officers enumerated in the Warrant and On Motion of J H Wood it was Voted that the Polls be closed at three Oclock this afternoon —

At three Oclock in the afternoon the Votes having been all given in and no Objection being made the Polls were closed — and the Votes having been Sorted, Counted, Recorded and Sealed Up as the law requires were declared as follows. Viz.

The Whole Number of Votes for Governor was four hundred and forty Eight. 448

Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Two Hundred and ten Votes 210

William Gaston of Boston had Two Hundred and thirty Eight Votes 238

The whole Number of Votes for Lieutenant Governor was four hundred and forty Eight. 448

Horatio G Knight of East Hampton had Two hundred and fifteen Votes 215

William L Smith of Springfield had two hundred and thirty three Votes 233

The whole number of Votes for Secretary of the Commonwealth was four hundred and fifty One 451

Oliver Warner of Northampton had two hundred and twenty One Votes 221

Benjamin F Mills of Williamstown had two hundred and thirty Votes 230

The whole Number of Votes for Treasurer and Receiver General was four hundred and fifty One 451

Charles Adams Jr of North Brookfield had two hundred and twenty One Votes 221

Nathan Clark of Lynn had Two hundred and thirty Votes. 230

The Whole Number of Votes for Auditor of Accounts was four hundred and fifty 450

Charles Endicott of Canton had two hundred and twenty Votes. 220

C Osgood Morse of Newburyport hat two hundred and thirty Votes 230

The Whole Number of Votes for Attorney General was four hundred and forty nine 449

Charles R Train of Boston had Two hundred and Nineteen Votes 219

Waldo Colburn of Dedham had Two hundred and thirty Votes 130

The whole Number of Votes for Councellor for the third Councillor District was four hundred & forty Six 446

Alden Leland of Holliston had two hundred and Eight Votes. 208

J H Wood of Grafton had Two hundred and thirty Seven Votes 237

B B Nourse of Westboro had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to represent the Ninth Congressional District in Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States was four hundred and fifty One 451

George F Hoar of Worcester had two hundred and twenty Eight Votes 228

Eli Thayer of Worcester had two hundred and twenty three Votes 223

The Whole Number of Votes for Sheriff for Worcester County was four hundred and forty six 446

Augustus B R Sprague of Worcester had three hundred and three Votes 303

George R Spurr of Worcester had One hundred and forty three Votes 143

The Whole Number of Votes for District Attorney for the Middle District was four hundred and forty nine 449

Hamilton B Staples of Worcester had two hundred and nineteen Votes 219

H M Burleigh of Athol had two hundred and thirty Votes 230

The Whole Number of Votes for County Commissioner for Worcester County was four hundred and forty nine 449

William O Brown of Fitchburg had two hundred and Nineteen Votes 219

F. C. Currier of Fitchburg had two hundred and thirty Votes 230

The Whole Number of Votes Special Commissioners was four hundred and fifty two 452

Bethuel Ellis of Winchendon had two hundred and twenty two Votes 222

James R Davis of Milford had two hundred and twenty two Votes 222

Lawrence Read of Milford had two hundred and thirty Votes 230

Hiram Allen of Webster had two hundred and thirty Votes 230

The Whole Number of Votes for Commissioners of Insolvency, was two hundred and twenty One 201

Edwell F Fay of Athol had two hundred and twenty One Votes 221

David H Meriam of Fitchburg had two hundred and twenty One Votes 221

Arthur G Bisco of Westboro had two hundred and twenty One Votes 221

Frank P Goulding of Worcester had two hundred and twenty One Votes 221

The Whole Number of Votes for Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District was four Hundred and fifty 450

Thomas G Kent of Milford had One hundred and ninety four Votes 194

Jeremiah Gaschell of Blackstone had two hundred and fifty five Votes 255

J. H. Wood of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes for Representative to represent the twelfth representative District in Worcester County in the General Court of Massachusetts to be holden at Boston On the first Wednesday of January next was four hundred and fifty 450

Oliver B Wyman of Shrewsbury had One hundred and fifty Seven Votes 157

Thomas T Griggs of Grafton had two hundred and ninety two Votes 292

A W Rici of Grafton had One Vote 1

The Whole Number of Votes in the Town of Shrewsbury for Representative was two hundred and twenty 220

Oliver B Wyman of Shrewsbury had One hundred and twenty Votes. 120.

Thomas T Griggs of Grafton had One hundred Votes 100

And Thomas T Griggs was Elected - (Plurality 115

A True Record

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs, to Meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth day of November current at two Oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles to wit

Art 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2d To See what Action if any the town will take in relation to the claim of Erastus Fisher and Sons for damage to their Estate by reason of the alteration or raising of the Highway near the Same —

Art 3d To See if the Town will instruct the Committee Chosen to Sell the Town Farm, to Sell in lots either at private or public Sale, All of said Farm Except ten or more Acres to be reserved with the buildings with Authority to deed to the purchasers or Act thereon, as petitioned for by James G Putnam

Art 4th To See if the Town will Enforce the law passed May 15th 1866 in relation to Vagrants and Vagabonds or Act thereon, as petitioned for by James G Putnam

Art. 5th To See if the Town will adopt a code of By Laws prepared by the Common Committee of the town in relation to the government and protection of the common in the Centre of the town and its Appurtenances - or Act thereon —

Art. 6th To See what Action the Town will take in relation to any proposed division of the County of Worcester, or the creation of any new District for the Registry of Deeds therein or act in relation to the Same —

And You are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of Said Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

Given Under Our hands this third day of Novmbr in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy four—

Franklin Baldwin
Silas Winston
Reuben Taft
} Selectmen of Grafton

Nov 16th 1874

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting Up an Attested Copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village. Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting as therein directed

S Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth day of November A D 1874 at two Oclock in the afternoon. The Meeting was called to Order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk. and By Ballot Chose A. M. Bigelow Moderator— The Check list being used—

Took Up the Second Article in the Warrent and On Motion Voted to pass Over the Article. as it appeared that E. Fisher & Sons had not properly presented any claim for damage—

Took Up the Third article in the Warrant and On Motion of James G Putnam it was Voted

on

That the Committee Chosen to Sell the Town Farm be Authorized to Sell at Public or Private Sale in lots 200 Acres more or less of Land. Reserving the buildings and as many Acres of Land, as they may deem Expedient with power to Sell and Convey the Same to purchasers and Fix the conditions of Sale

Took up the Fourth Article in the Warrant. and On Motion. Voted that the Law refered to in this Article be Enforced -

Took up the Fifth Article in the Warrant.

The Common Committee of the Town of Grafton Presented the Following Code of By Laws in reference to the government and protection of the common in the centre of the town and its Appurtenances. which were adopted by the Town. as follows -

By Laws.

Art 1st Any person who Shall wilfully destroy mutilate deface, injure or remove any tree Shrub, grass, flower or Other thing placed upon Said Common for Ornament or use, or who Shall wilfully injure, deface, destroy or mar any fence, post, Lamp, or Lantern, or any walk or Lawn placed upon or belonging to or being a part of Said Common, Shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor and upon Conviction thereof before any Magistrat or Court of Competent Jurisdiction Shall be punished by fine not Exceding twenty dollars

Art 2d All persons are forbidden to make use of any tree Shrub, or fence upon or belonging to Said Common as a hitching place for any Horse, Cattle, or Other animal, and any person so doing Shall be deemed guilty of a Mesdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any Magistrate or Court of Competent Jurisdiction Shall be punished by a fine not Exceeding five dollars -

Art 3d All persons are forbidden to hunt, capture or destroy by any means or implements, any Birds, Birds nests or Birds Eggs, or any Squirrels within the limits of Said Common and all persons are likewise forbidden to throw any Ball, Stone, Club, Stick or Other missel into the tops of any of the Trees Standing, growing or being upon Said Common -

any person Offending against this Article Shall be punished by fine not Exceeding ten dollars -

And 4th All fines collected under the provisions of any of the foregoing Articles Shall inure to the benefit of the Town for the improvement and further Ornamenting said Common

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant and On Motion of James W White the following Resolutions were adopted with but One dissenting Vote - viz

Resolved. That the Citizens of this Town are Opposed to any division of the County of Worcester and the creation of any District for the Registry of Deeds therein, and they declare their confident belief that any Such change in said County is Uncalled for by any present inconvenience and would be greatly prejudicial to the best interests of the County

Resolved That Our Representative to the next General Court be and hereby is instructed to Oppose any legislation tending to make any Such change in this County -

All the Articles in the Warrant having been acted upon the Meeting was dissolved

A True Record

Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of March next at nine O'clock in the forenoon to Act on the following Articles to wit -

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting

Art 2d To choose all necessary Town Officers for the Year ensuing

Art 3d To hear the reports of the Several Town Officers and Committees and Act thereon -

Art 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways Town ways and Bridges the ensuing Year -

Art 5th To raise Such Sum of Money as may be necessary to defray town charges the Ensuing Year and make appropriations of the Same and Act thereon -

Art 6th To See what discount the town will make to those persons who Shall Voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within Such periods of time as the town Shall direct and determine when all Taxes Shall be collected and paid into the Treasury. And fix the compensation of the Collector and Act thereon -

Art 7th To See what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing Year and Act thereon -

Art 8th To See what compensation the town will allow Firemen for the Year Ensuing. and Act thereon

Art 9th To See if the Town will Accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box for Act. thereon.

Art. 10th To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the Ensuing Year.

Art 11th To See if the Town will cause One of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M and 9 Oclock P. M. or Act thereon —

Art 12th To See what measures the Town will adopt to defray the present indebtedness of the Town. Other than Town Bonds Or Act thereon —

Art 13th To See if the Town will cause the easterly Side of Pine Grove Cemetery to be fenced like the Other parts of the Cemetery or. Act thereon —

Art 14th To See if the Town will purchase or cause to be purchased a Tract of Land for a Cemetery at or near Farnums Ville or Act thereon —

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of ~~this~~ Town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnums Ville and Saunders Village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under Our hands this fifteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five —

Franklin Baldwin
J. J. Powirs
Silas Vinton
Reuben Taft
} Selectmen of Grafton

I have Served the foregoing Warrant by posting up an Attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the centre of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village Farnums ville and Saunders village Seven days at least before the time of holding Said Meeting as therein directed. ~~Attest~~ I Davis Hall Constable of Grafton

A Copy ~~Attest~~ James W White Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to Vote in Elections and town affairs Met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of March in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five at nine Oclock in the forenoon. The Meeting was called to Order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk. and by Ballot S D Hall was chosen Moderator - the "check list" being used at this Election -

-Prayer by Rev Mr Windsor-

Took up the Second Article in the Warrant -

On Motion of James W White it was Voted that the Votes for Town Clerk, five Selectmen, a Town Treasurer three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, One General School Committee for three years, a Trustee for Riverside Cemetery, a Trustee for Pine Grove Cemetery, One Common Committee, and Eight Constables be brought in on One Ballot, as printed and that the Polls be closed for the choise of the above Officers at One Oclock this afternoon

At One Oclock in the afternoon all persons having voted who Expressed a desire to vote and no Objection being made the Polls were closed -

The Votes having been assorted and counted & recorded were declared as follows and the following persons were Elected to Office - viz -

The whole number of Votes for Town Clerk was Three hundred and thirty Seven - 337.

James W White had Three hundred and thirty One Votes 331
and was Elected and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office By S D Hall Moderator

A A Ballou had four votes for Town Clerk 4

D. W. Norcross had One vote " " " 1

Patrick O Rourke had One Vote " " " 1

The Votes for Selectmen were as follows

F Baldwin had four votes - R Taft had Seven Votes

J C Wood had One Vote - S B Dolliver had One Vote

Thomas T Griggs had three hundred and fifty One Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn by S D Hall Moderator 351

A D Shattuck had three hundred and thirty Seven Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn by S D Hall Moderator 337

Horace Batchelder had three hundred and forty Seven Votes and was Elected and duly Sworn by S D Hall Moderator 347

Silas Linton had three hundred and forty four votes and
was Elected and duly Sworn by S D Hall Moderator 344

Jeremiah Robinson had three hundred and forty four votes
and was Elected and duly Sworn by S D Hall Moderator 344

The full Board of Selectmen having been Elected and
duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their office
immediately Entered upon the same —

The whole number of votes for Town Treasurer was three hundred
and fifty two 352

Rufus E Warren had three hundred and fifty two 352
votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

The votes for Assessors were as follows — viz
S H Knowlton had One vote 1
S A Forbush had One vote 1
Joseph Adams had One vote 1
L H Bigelow had three votes 3
John B White had three votes 3
F N Hall had four votes 4
Oliver Wheelock had fourteen votes. 14
Gilbert L Taft had three hundred and forty nine 349
votes and was Elected — Sworn April 3rd 1875 by J W White Town Clerk
G L Taft resigned April 5th 1875

Barnabas Newton had three hundred and thirty two 332
votes and was Elected — Sworn April 3 1875 by J W White Town Clerk

S A Knowles had three hundred and Eighteen votes 318
and was Elected — Sworn April 8th by S D Hall Moderator in Open Meeting

The votes for Overseers of the Poor were as follows
Stephen R White had Six votes. 6

James L Putnam had three hundred and 341
forty One votes and was Elected. and duly Sworn March 3
to the faithful discharg of the duties of his Office by J W White Town Clerk
Perley Goddard had three hundred and thirty three 333
votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

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Amos G Getchell had three hundred and forty three votes and was Elected - and was duly Sworn March 8th By J W White Justice

The Votes for General School committee wer as follows
Rich Pratt had One Vote 1

A M Barst had forty two Votes 42

E B Savage had ninety four Votes 94

Rev A J. Bates had two hundred and thirtin 213
Votes and was Elected and Signified his acceptance of the Office

The whole Number of Votes for Truster for River Side Cemetery was three hundred and fifty 350
John B White had three hundred and fifty Votes and was Elected —

The whole Number of Votes for Truste for Pine Grove Cemetry was three hundred and fifty four 354

H. K Cady had two Votes 2
Amos G Getchell had three hundred and fifty two Votes and was Elected —

The whole Number of Votes for Common Committe was three hundred and forty three 343
Elbridge Newton had One Vote 1
John B White had One Vote 1
D W Norcross had two Votes 2

Jonathan D Whulen had three hundred and thirty nine Votes and was Elected 339

The Vote for Constables was as follows
Albert Bradish had One Vote 1
S Newton had One Vote 1
Jery O Kiefe had One Vote 1
Patrick Sullivan had One Vote 1

S D Hall had three hundred and fifty four votes 354
and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

Robert Scott had three hundred and fifty four votes 352
and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge
of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator

D W Norcross had three hundred and fifty two votes 352
and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge
of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator

Amos G Getchell had three hundred and fifty two votes 352
and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge
of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator

George F Jourdan had three hundred and fifty five 355
votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful
discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator

James Gleason had three hundred and forty three 343
votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge
of the duties of his Office by James W White Town Clerk

Henry Mann had three hundred and fifty votes 350
and was Elected Declined Serving

Simeon E Coomb had three hundred and fifty four 354
votes and was Elected and duly Sworn to the faithful discharge
of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator

On Motion Voted to choose the remaining Town Officers
necessary to be Chosen by Nomination at large

On Motion Voted to Choose Eight Field drivers the Ensuing Year

Ten by Nomination Chase for Field Drivers
Alden M Bigelow Sworn April 5th by S D Hall Moderator in Open Meeting
Luke F Allen
William J Allen
A R Whitehead
Edw R White
Charles Newhall - Sworn March 3d 1875 by James W White Town Clerk
T B Bartlett, - Sworn March 8th " by James W White Town Clerk
Jonas Nichols

On Motion voted to choos three Fence viewers for the ensuing year. Then by nomination chose
John McClellan Sworn April 5th by S D Hall Moderator in Open Meeting
A M. Bigelow Sworn April 5th by S D Hall Moderator in Open Meeting
Benjn W Fay Sworn April 5th by S D Hall Moderator in Open Meeting
Fence viewers for the ensuing year -

On Motion voted to choos Two Surveyors of Lumber for the Ensuing Year - Then by nomination chose
Reuben Taft
Noah Fletcher
Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year -

On Motion voted that the Selectmen be Auditing Committee for the year Ensuing

On Motion voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for the Ensuing Year - Reconsidered

On Motion voted to Authorize the Selectmen to Appoint the remaining Town Officers necessary to be chosen or appointed which may be lawfully appointed by them -

3d Took up the third Article in the Warrant.
The Selectmens Report having been prepared and printed was accepted after correction as follows -

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton -
The Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the close of their Official duties for the year Ending March 1st 1875 Submit the following Report of the Condition of the Town -
They have Settled with Rufus E Warren, Treasurer of Said Town and find his Account correct and as follows

Dr

To Cash received from All Sources as per Report of Treasurer	$94,113,78

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Paid for Common Schools	5,825.64
" " School House at N E Village	8000,00
" " Repairs On School Houses	533.95

High and Grammar Schools

1874.			
March 7	"	Jane E Warren	$132,00
" 19	"	Geo Kerr Care of H & G School House	33,00
" "	"	Julia E Putnam	132,00
" "	"	C L Clay	262,50
May 4	"	C L Clay	150.00
" "	"	Fuel Account	57,78
June 12	"	Jane E Warren	165 00
" 26	"	C L Clay	300,00
" "	"	Julia E Putnam	144,00
" "	"	Geo Kerr care of H & G. School House	33 00
" "	"	A. M. Spalter Drawing Teacher	18,00
Sept 7	"	Fuel Account #6.	120.85
Oct 5	"	C L Clay	150.00
Nov 24	"	C L Clay	187,50
" "	"	Jane E Warren	165,00
Dec 15	"	C L Clay	225.00
" "	"	Julia E Putnam	180,00
" "	"	George Kerr	42 00
" "	"	Drawing	39 00
1875 Jan 27	"	C L Clay	150,00
" Feb 15	"	D W Norcross	653
			$2,696,16

School Book Agent

1874			
June 1st	Paid	J F Searle	$ 75,00

Library

1874			
June 1st	Paid	H F Wing. (Dog Fund)	$ 344,27
Dec 7	"	" " " Appropriation	400.00

School Committee

1874			
March 9th	Paid	Dr. F A Jewett. Services in 1873	$ 11,50
" "	"	Dr W E Rice	130,00
		Rev A J Bates	165 50
		D W Norcross.	290.00
			$ 597 00

Fire Department.

1874			
May 4th	Paid	G F Jourdan Chief Engineer	1,218,58
Sept 7	"	G F Jourdan " "	397,00
1875 Feb 1	"	G F Jourdan " "	20,27
" 15	"	G F Jourdan "	10,10
" "	"	G F Jourdan "	16 00
			$ 1661.95

New Town Road

1874				
April 3d	Paid	County Commissioners Services		$43,41
" 9	"	Jonathan Warren Land Damage		483,33
" "	"	Luke F Allen Do " "		533.33
" "	"	Sam'l C Flagg " "		400.00
" "	"	Geo M Dunn & I E Stowe Trustees Cong'l Society	"	883,33
" "	"	I H Knowlton Horse Shed		25 00
" "	"	Mrs Champney " "		25,00
" "	"	Wm S Bruce " "		25 00
" "	"	I Forbush " "		25 00
" "	"	J D Wheeler " "		25,00
" "	"	Rodney Leland Est. of " "		25 00
" "	"	Lawson Munyan " "		25 00
" "	"	Mrs J. Stone " "		25 00
" "	"	Joseph Adams " "		25 00
" "	"	Benj Aldrich " "		25,00
" "	"	E R White Surveying Road		37 80
June 15	Paid	Reuben Taft. Setting Bounds		3,50
" "	"	Silas Vinton Making Road		445,85
" "	"	Reuben Taft. for 10 Stone Bounds		5 00
				$3,085,53

Sextons

1874					
April 3d	Paid	H K Cady	Sexton.	$ 21,25	
May 4	"	James Gleason	"	23,25	
June 1	"	F N Hall	"	12,00	
July	"	H. K. Cady	"	4,25	
July 6	"	James Gleason	"	12,50	
" "	"	H K Cady	"	4 25	
Sept 7	"	H K Cady	"	8,50	
" "	"	James Gleason	"	38,25	
Oct 5	"	"	"	14,75	
" "	"	H K Cady.	"	8,50	
Nov 2	"	James Gleason	"	29,75	
1875 Jan 4	"	"	"	17,00	
Feb 1	"	H K Cady	"	13 00	
Dec 1 1874	"	H K Cady	"	4 25	
" "	"	F N Hall	"	8,00	253,50

Breaking Roads

1874				
April 6	Paid	Wm H Brown	$ 4,00	
May 4	"	O H Wheelock	5,12	
" "	"	L H Bigelow	4,30	
" "	"	H L Banister	6,90	20.32

Overseers of the Poor

1874					
April 3	Paid	James S Putnam	Oversr	$505.23	
July 6	"	"	"	215,00	
Aug 3	"	"	"	186,00	
Sept 7	"	"	"	408 80	
Oct 5	"	"	"	70.15	
Nov 2	"	"	"	73,00	
Dec 7	"	"	"	117,25	
July 4	"	"	"	7214	
Feb 1/75	"	"	"	30951	1957.08

Highways

1874					
April 3	Paid	S H Knowlton		$ 30,90	
"	"	F Baldwin		237.00	
" 6	"	J H Wood		2,20	
" "	"	J B White		146,60	
" "	"	D A Whitney		104,95	
May 4	"	John McClellan		117,10	
" "	"	F Baldwin		198,25	
" "	"	Silas Vinton		239,20	
June 1	"	T S Sherman		79,70	
" "	"	Jefferson Bellows		188,22	
" "	"	Saunders Cotton Mills		109.10	
" "	"	L H Goulding		17,00	
July 6	"	S H Knowlton		32,15	
" "	"	Silas E Stowe,		127,20	
" "	"	John McClellan		8135	
" "	"	L H Goulding		6108	
" "	"	Silas Vinton		160,00	
" "	"	Ashley W Rice		7651	
Sept 7	"	Joseph Adams		135,90	
Oct 5	"	John McClellan		34,40	
" "	"	Silas E Stowe		61,00	
Nov 2	"	S. H. Knowlton		57,45	
Dec 7	"	E R White Survy of Gravel Fishers		15,00	
" "	"	L H Goulding		13,60	
" "	"	S A Knowles		197,85	
" "	"	Silas Vinton		394,35	
1875 Jany 4	"	Jefferson Bellows		114,72	
" 4	"	Ashley W Rice		17,00	
" "	"	Joseph Adams		52,05	
" Feb 12	"	David L Fisk		191,27	
" 4	"	F Baldwin, Services on Highways		2,00	3,309.05

Miscellaneous

1874				
March	4th	Paid	S B Allen. Fireworks destroyed	$ 33.54
"	"	"	J H Wood Sundry Bills	16,00
"	19	"	J F Searle Fireworks destroyed	60,98
April	3	"	J H Wood Printing	85.00
"	"	"	L Farwell Watering Trough	10,00
May	4	"	F Baldwin Order Book	11.50
"	"	"	J B White. Coal	9,50
"	"	"	H F Wing Street Lights	100,00
June	1	"	Frederick Balcom Ringing Bell	50.00
"	"	"	Henry Mann Special Police	18.00
"	"	"	C A White. Decoration G. A	100,00
"	"	"	D W Norcrof Common	100,00
July	6	"	Reuben Taft Repairing Office Chairs	9,07
"	"	"	Dr F K Whittemore Vaccination	181,50
"	"	"	County Commissioners Services at Fishers	37,15
Aug	6	"	James H Thomas Special Police	7,00
"	"	"	Reuben Taft. Platform in Town Hall	88,72
"	"	"	J F Searle Liquor Agent	400,00
"	"	"	J. J. Powers Police Badges	10,00
"	"	"	C Foster & Co Hand Cuffs.	25,05
Sept	7	"	Reuben Taft. Remodeling Lockup	97,78
"	"	"	H Cogswell Mowing Cimitry	20,00
"	"	"	Henry Mann Special Police	2,25
Oct	5	"	R E Warren Tax Record Book	40,00
"	"	"	James Gleason Special Police	52,00
"	"	"	Wm S. Fullerton " "	10,00
"	"	"	Levi S Whitcomb " "	10,00
"	"	"	A G Getchell " "	8,00
"	"	"	J H Chickering " "	58,25
"	"	"	Earle & Fuller Plans & Specifications N E Sch H	1,130,00
Nov	2	"	J B White Coal for Town Hall	59,00
"	12	"	E J Balcom Ringing Bell	25,00
Dec	7	"	H F Wing Street Lights	100,00
"	"	"	R Taft Repairing & Shingling Engine House	113,70
"	"	"	Silas Vinton Blankets for Lockup &c	18,53
"	"	"	F N Hall repairing Hearse House	6,00
"	"	"	F Baldwin Feather Duster for Hearse	4,00
1875	Jan	4	" Bacon Hopkins & Bacon Attorneys	19,00
"	"	"	G F Jourdan Painting Engine House	8.10
"	"	"	G C Taft Services as Assessor & Stationary	87,80
"	"	"	Rent M E Church Vestry N E D. for Sch Com	3 5.00
"	"	"	Fencing School House Saunders bills & B. Hall	67 87

1875 Jany 4	Paid	Furnace for High & Grammar School	$ 169,65
" " "		Furniture - New School House N. E. Village	12966
Feb 12 "		James W White Services & Sundry Bills Paid	254,84
" " "		R Taft. Posts & Guide Boards New Co road	25,14
" " "		Silas E Stow Material and Labor New Bridge	22,29
" " "		B Newton Services as Assessor	65,00
" " "		R Taft. Table & Cupboard in Selectmens room	10,29
" " "		B Newton Collecting Taxes of 1872	4,83
" " "		D W Norcross. Publishing By Laws	7,00
" " "		Silas Vinton Services of Selectmen	200,00
" " "		R E Warren Printing. Valuation & State bills	125,26
" " "		R E Warren Paying State Aid	50,00
" " "		Peter Maher Damage to Carriage	2,50
" 13 "		S F Smith Coal hod Shovel & Poker	1,35
" " "		James Gleason. Tenant Officer	6,00
" " "		Barnabas Newton Collecting Taxes 1874	211,92
April 3 /74 "		Silas Vinton Special repairs on New Co road	109,55
" " "		S A Knowles. Repairs on Bridge near S Putnams	19,75
Sept 7. "		L S Wheelock Special repairs at Fishers ville.	211,75
Feb 9-75 "		Saunders Cotton Mills Special repairs near Wilkinson Ville	73,00 - 4,065,97

Total Amount of Selectmens Orders	$ 32.825.44
Other Sums paid per Report	61 868.99
Total Amount Paid	$ 94.694 43.

Amount Paid	$ 94.694,43
Amount Received	94,113 78
Amount Due Treasury	$ 580. 65

Liabilities of the Town

Due Agent. at Town Farm	$ 434.59
Borrowed of Sundry persons at 7 percent	7,374.84
" " " " at 6 percent	17,000.00
Town Bonds. at 5 percent	15,000,00
" " " 6 " "	5 000 00
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	114,71
Due Town Treasurer	580,65
	$ 45.504.79

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Resources of the Town

Uncollected Taxes for 1873	$ 1,805.37
" " " 1874	3,877.11
Due from State for State Aid	137.00
Town Farm and Buildings	8,000.00
Personal Property On Farm	3,377.37
Cash Stims in hands of Oversers	132.67
Three Fire Engines and Fixtures	3,000.00
One Hook and Ladder Carriage	300.00
Three Engine Houses.	2,400.00
One High School Building and Land	4,000.00
One Lock Up	500.00
One Hearse House	400.00
Two New Hearses	1,100.00
Furniture and Fixtures in Office	300.00
School Houses and Land	30,000.00
	60,129.50

We respectfully Submit the following Estimates for which the Town Should provide by Tax. Or Otherwise in 1875 viz

Interest on Town debt.	$ 3,000.00
Appropriation for Common Schools	5,000.00
" " " High & Grammar "	2,500.00
" " " Fire Department.	1500.00
" " " Rent of Town Hall	500.00
" " " Repairs on Highways	8000.00
" " " Other Expenses	14,000.00
	$ 30,000.00

At the following places guide boards are ~~maintained~~ within the Town viz. At the corner of the roads near Warren Bloor near J D. Wheeler's near D A Whitneys. near Edward ~~Fahays~~ Barn near S F Jourdan's near Church in Farmmus ville near A Morse & Sons Store. near Jefferson Bellows ~~place~~ near the Farmmus ville Depot near Charles ~~M~~ Farmays place near William Holbrooks. near H F Eddys. near Saunders Block. near J McClellans. At the corner of the roads north East of L L Brigham's. near Charles Daniels near J Crosbys at each of the corners northerly of the Old cemetery. near B Kingsbury's near Quinsigamond House N E village. near Widow H B Fairbank's, near J F Knowles's near House on Town Farm. near Meeting House N E village near J W. Putnams. Northerly of the House of J E Young- near Joseph Kimballs. at two places between the last named places. near E S. Clarke's near B Aldrich's near Henry Wessons. On the Barn of B W Fay-

near L N Lelands. Westerly of G M Dunns near John O Keefs Near W A Fiskes near Joseph Bruces. On the Hotel Centre. corner of road to S E Stows corner west of Ketville Pond. corner East of Ketville Pond—

All of which is respectfully Submitted

F Baldwin
J J Powers
Silas Vinton
Reuben Taft.
Thos F Griggs
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Collectors Report. . Accepted as Follows

B. Newton in account with
The Town of Grafton Dr

To Amount of Taxes for 1874 committed for collection as per Assessors Warrant	$37.555,91
To Amount assessed Since date of Warrant	16 49
To Interest on Taxes paid Since Oct 1st 1874	212 42
	$37.784,82

Cr

By Amount paid R E Warren Treasurer as per his rect	$33.907.71
Uncollected Taxes as per list below	3877 11
	$37.784.82

List of Uncollected Taxes for 1874

Austin Sawyer	2,00	Caravin Michael	2,00
Barry Fergus	2,00	Ciscod Samuel G	2,00
Bosworth Sylvanus	2,00	Cisco James L	2,00
Barnard Oliver	2,00	Coyne Peter	2,00
Bigelow George P	2,00	Carter William	2,00
Binney Joseph	2,00	Claflin Charles	2,00
Beaman Oray W	2,00	Crapo Mike	2,00
Boshier Joseph W	13,10	Corbin Munroe	2,00
Bosworth Timothy	2,00	Cheney George W	2,00
Bannister H L	16,50	Corbin Samuel	19,12
Bartlett Barker	2,00	Cummings Charles H	2,00
Blanchard Peter	2,00	Connes Thomas	2,00
Bundy George H	8,40	Dwyer Michael	8,85
Bresso Alonzo	2,00	Dwyer James G	10,33
Brooks E B	56,85	Davis Lowell H	2,00
Burke Dennis	2,00	Dorr Vanburen	16,80
Batchelder Moses 2 Heirs	5,35	Daniels Charles	37,34
Brooks Charles	2,00	Drake Lucy	9,25

Duson Peter	200	Martin Charles Jr	2,00
Damon Franklin E	293	Miles William H.	2,00
Dadmun Sullivan	373	Munroe Jonas	4,96
Dance John	200	Munroe Mrs Jonas	15,73
Elliott Aaron	2143	Movando Joseph	200
Fanning James	200	Manning Hugh	200
Forbush Curtis	4187	Nichols Caleb	200
Frederick Joseph	200	Norcross Edward A	1125
Flannigan James	200	Norcross Josiah	4,50
Fleming Patrick	894	Odlum Richard Jr	200
Fox Robert	200	Oldenburg Geo F	200
Gallagan Hugh	200	Organ J F.	200
Gallagan John	2,00	O'Brien Michael	200
Guyott Peter	200	Pratt Lewis B	200
Greenwood H. C.	105.73	Pogue William J	200
Greenwood Susan	1018	Plimpton D W	200
Gabree Jerry	200	Pluff Lewis	200
Gasso Charles	1034	Peters Daniel	200
Goldtist John	200	Prentice Henry	200
Gardner John H	200	Parsons William	200
Goaston Mills	1653,42	Pitt Nilson	200
Hoover Samuel	200	Place Esek	200
Honey James W	200	Robinson Thomas.	200
Hunt Joseph	200	Rolly Mathew	200
Hall S. D.	76.65	Rumney Thomas M	2,00
Hudson A. B.	1449	Roods Rufus A	200
Harrington James	200	Roods Ephraim J	20,50
Hewes Michael	256	Roods Marvin	2,00
Hoyle Zeb	2,00	Rowe John H	5,14
Kelley Mathew	200	Rowe Mrs John H. Estate of	43.48
Kempston Abram	200	Riley William	200
Kempston John S.	200	Styles Emory	200
King Charles T.	200	Stone Alfred	2,00
Ludy Timothy	200	Stowe Sarah J	34,50
Lang John	200	Swartzer John A	111,89
Lears Edward	200	Sherman John A.	200
Lincoln Ebenezer	7138	Sheldon Hiram	2,00
Leclare Henry	200	Sullivan Patrick	2,00
Leclare Joseph	200	Sivo Charles 2d	2,00
Marble F M	61,39	Stockwell Seth	54,30
Morgan W. L.	5920	Scott Hannah heirs of	55 50
Murphy Nicholas	200	Vasler Peter	200
Miles James	200	Wood Liberty Estate of	48 10
McCarty Mike	200	Wilmot Daniel	200

Wheller John Estate of	67.34	Flagg Robert W	$3.70
White William S	200	Gilbin John	1.85
Ward William A.	200	Howe William Jr	740
Wheeler W Mc.	5.89	Knox S. A.	925
Wheelock L. S.	14.47	Lallie John	370
Wood S. H	200	Mowrey Mrs Robert	35.15
Young Samuel	200	Prentice Samuel heirs of	.93
Young William	200	Robinson Harriet E	8.79
Non Residents		Rand Jacob B	62.16
Bull Samuel	39.78	Sadler E. B.	.93
Congdon Samuel G	15.73	Stowe Nathaniel	5.55
Drury Lucien B	23.13	Wheller Wm F	259.00
Drury Lyman	9.25		$3,877.11

Respectfully Submitted
Barnabas Newton Collector

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Liquor Agents Report Accepted as follows

Cr

Amount of Liquor Sold	$580.41	
" " On hand	186.86	
Loss in business	3.28	$770.83

Dr.

Cash Paid for Liquor	670.55	
" " Agent	100.00	$770.55

Dr

Cash received of town		$400.00

Cr

Amt of Liquor on hand	186.86	
" " Cash on hand	209.86	
	396.72	
Loss in business	3.28	$400.00

J F Searle Agent

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The Treasurers Report having been Printed with Other was presented and Accepted as follows.-

Town of Grafton in Account With

Rufus E Warren Treasurer Cr

1874			
March 3rd	By Cash of A A Ballou Tax 1873		$1775.00
" "	" " " B Newton Tax 1872		250,00
" 13	" " " A A Ballou		610,00
" "	" " " C A Chase dog fund		344.27
" 23	" " " B Newton Tax 1872		100.00
April 3	" " " Rufus E Warren		2000,00
" "	" " " H K Cady Hearse Wheels		20,00
" 7	" " " 5-20. U.S. Bond		1203,75
" 9	" " " Rufus E Warren		1000,00
May 1	" Note at First Natl Bank Grafton 3 mos 6 pr ct.		1000.00
" 17	" " to M W Moreland 7 pr ct 1 Year		1374.84
" 18	" " " Otis Norcross 7 pr ct 1 Year		5000,00
June 2	" " " Rufus E Warren		2500.00
" 10	" Cash of B Newton Tax 1872		60,00
July 1	" Note at First Natl Bk Grafton 4 mos 6 pr cent		5000,00
" 6	" " " Rufus E Warren		1000,00
" 23	" Cash of B Newton Tax 1874		500,00
" 25	" " Licens for Circus		10,00
Aug 3	" " of B Newton Tax of 1874		200,00
" "	" " " A A Ballou Tax 1873		100.00
" 17	By Note at First Natl Bank Grafton 4 mos 6 pr ct.		3000.00
" 22	" Cash of B Newton Tax 1874		200,00
Sept 4	" " " " " " "		200,00
" 8	" Note at First Natl Bk Grafton 3 mos 6 pr ct		5000.00
" "	" Cash of B Newton Tax 1874		200.00
" 17	" " " " " " "		500.00
" 22	" " " State Treasurer. State Paupers		3.60
" 28	" " " B Newton Tax 1874		200.00
Oct 3	" " " " " " "		18.000.00
" 12	" " " " " " "		2500.00
" 27	" " " " " " "		1400.00
Nov 4	" " " " " " "		1400.00
" 20	" " " " " " "		700.00
Dec 2	" " " " " " "		400.00
" 8	" " " " " " "		100.00
" 9	" Note at First Natl Bk Grafton 4 mos 6 pr ct		2000.00
" 14	" Cash of B Newton Tax 1874		700.00
" 15	" " " State Treasurer Corporation Tax		814,34
" "	" " " " State aid		800.00

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Dec 15	By Cash of State Treasurer, State Paupers		$ 171,41
" " " " " "	National Bank Tax		534,31
" 26 " " "	B Newton Tax 1874		300,00
1875 Jany 1. "	Note at First Nat'l Bk Grafton, 6 pr ct		10000,00
" 4 "	Cash of B Newton Tax 1874		300,00
" 16 " " " " " " "			700,00
" 9 " " "	A A Ballou " 1873		100,00
" 20 " " " " " "			100,00
" 22 " " "	B Newton " 1874		700,00
" 26 " " "	State Treasurer School Funds		362,38
Feb 4 " " "	B Newton, Tax		2000,00
" 8 " " "	State Treasurer Armory rent		102,08
" " " " " "	Corporation Tax 1874.		15,85
" 11 " " "	B Newton Tax 1872		49,65
" " " " " " "	Interest on same Tax 1872		65,47
" 13 " " " " "	1874		2,20
" " " " " "	Interest on Tax 1871		70
" " " "	D W Norcross Shrewsbury Scholars Tuition		34,00
" " " "	James W White rent Town Hall		66,00
" " " "	Chas A Chase Co. Treasurer Dog fund		295,19
" 15 " " "	B Newton Tax 1874		295,29
" " " " " "	Interest 1871		212,42
" " " " "	A A Ballou Tax 1873		28,63
	D. W. Norcross Pens. Writing Books Ink Sols Hobbs School		6,15
	" " " Coal used in private School		6,00
	" " " Old Iron Sold		55
	" " " Teachers Tuition in drawing		12,20
	" " " Error in June at Saunders Bill 1873		38 50
			$ 94,113,78

1874 Dr

March 3.	Paid Cash due former Treasurer		$. 1453,89
May 8	" Interest on Note to Mrs E McScandlen 1000 — 7 pr ct.		35,00
" " " " "	" at First Nat'l Bk Grafton 5 Mos & 5 days on $9000 — 6 per cent		229,50
" 17.	" Note to Otis Norcross.		2000,00
" " "	Interest " " on Same		70,00
" " "	Note to M W Howland		1374,84
" " "	Interest " " " on Same		48,12
" 20 "	Note to Otis Norcross		3000,00
" " "	Interest " " on Same		105,00
" 24 "	Note at First Nat'l Bk Grafton		5000,00
June 2 "	Comas int on Note at State Life Assurance Co Worcester 5000 $ 7 pr ct		175,00

on

1874 June 2	Paid 6 mos int on Note at State Life Assurance Co Worcester	$2000,00 7 pr ct	$ 70,00
July 1st	" 6 mos int on 5 pr ct Bonds	$16,000,00	400,00
" "	" 6 mos int on 6 pr ct Bonds	5000 —	150,00
" "	" 6 mos rent Town Hall	$500 — pr Year	250,00
" "	" 6 mos rent Armory Hall		25,00
" "	" Interest On Note at First Nat'l Bk Grafton 4 mos 6 pr ct		102,50
Aug 11	" Interest on Note at " " " "	4 mos 6 pr ct	61,50
Sept 8	" Interest on Note at " " " "	3 mos 6 pr ct	77,50
Oct 3	" Note at First Nat. Bk Grafton		9000,00
Nov 2	" One half County Tax		1488 83
" 4	" Note at First Nat. Bk Grafton		5000,00
" "	" 6 mos int to Mrs E M Scandlin		35,00
" 5	" Note at State Mutual Life Assurance Co Worcester		5000,00
" "	" 6 mos interest On Same		175,00
" 17	" 6 mos int on Note to M N Howland at 7 pr ct		4812
" 18	" 6 mos int. On Note to Otis Norcross at 7 pr ct.		175,00
" "	" Insurance on School House at N. E. Village		212,00
Dec 9	" Note at First Nat'l Bk Grafton		5000,00
" "	" Int on Note at First Nat'l Bk Grafton 4 mos 6 pr ct		143,50
" 15	" State Treasurer State Tax		3020,00
" "	" " " Nat'l Bk Tax		1490 10
1875 Jany 1	" Note at First Nat'l Bk Grafton		3000,00
" "	" 12 days int on above note due 19th Dec		6,00
" "	" Note at State Mutual Life Assurance Co. Worcester		2000,00
" "	" Int on Same		70,00
" "	" No 7 5 pr cent Town Bond		1000,00
" "	" Int. On 5 pr cent Town Bonds		400,00
" "	" Int On 6 pr ct. Town Bonds		150,00
" "	" One half Balance County Tax		1488,82
" "	" Rent Town Hall		250,00
" "	" Rent Armory Hall		4,17
" "	" Int. On Note First Nat'l Bk Grafton 6 pr ct 4 mos 10,000 —		205,00
" "	" Insurance on Library &c in Town Hall		40,00
Feb "	" Assessors Order Joseph N. Roberts		93
" "	" " " Amelia M Fernald		20,35
	Henrietta Willard		12,95
	Elliot Barber		40,25
	John Odlum		200
	Geo D Lydell		200
	A G Reuter		200
	Alex. Greenough		2,00
	J L Goodrich		200
	Edward H Aldrich		

Feb.	Paid Assessors Order to	Dexter D Ball	$2,00
"	" " " "	Austin D Bassett	2,00
"	" " " "	Israel Crafts	2,00
"	" " " "	Wm A Fury	2,00
"	" " " "	Henry A Peckham	2,00
"	" " " "	Albert A Smith	2,00
"	" " " "	Joseph Willard	2,00
"	" " " "	Daniel A Whitney	1,39
"	13. " Note Rufus E Warren dated Apl 3 1874		2000,00
"	" " Int. On Same at 6 per cent		103,33
"	" " Note Rufus E Warren dated Apr 9 1874		1000,00
"	" " Int on Same		50,66
"	" " Note Rufus E Warren dated June 2. 1874		2500,00
"	" " Int. On Same		104,58
"	" " Note Rufus E Warren dated July 6th 1874		1000,00
"	" " Int. On Same		36,16
"	" , State Aid 12 Mos March 1st 1875		937,00
			$ 61,868 99.
"	" , Selectmens Orders		32,825,44
			$ 94,694,43

Amount Paid $ 94,694,43
Amount Recived 94 113 78

$ 580,65 due Treasurer

Rufus E Warren Treasurer.

Grafton March 1st 1875
Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The Report of the Overseers of the Poor having been Printed and presented was Accepted as follows viz.

Inventory as follows Feb. 13th 1875

2	Oxen	175,00	5	Bushels Sweet Corn	7,50
13	Cows	780,00	4	Barrels Apples	6,00
1	Heifer	18,00	5	Bushels Sweet Turnips	3,75
1	Horse	65,00	75	" Potatoes	67,50
30	Fowles	22,00	38	" Beets	27,50
1	Ton	Straw	13,00	20	Gallons Soap
14	"	English Hay	308	50	lbs Beef
6	"	Swale Hay	78,00		Other Vegetables
14	"	Meadow Hay	154,00	1	Ox Wagon
2	"	Corn Stover	20,00	1	Sleigh
50	Bushels	Oats	37,50	2	Carts
2	"	Rye	2,00	1	Horse Wagon
204	"	Corn	214,20	1	Express "

1 Lumber Sleigh	20 00
3 Ladders & Hooks	15 00
Ox Yoke & Hay Carts	20 00
Cultivator & Harrow	8 00
2 Ox Sleds	30 00
2 Horse Rakes	35 00
1 Grind Stone	7 00
3 Ploughs	12 00
1 Mowing Machine	80 00
All Other Farming tools	130 00
3 Harnesses	35 00
1 Bushell Beans	3 25
Sawlogs at Mill	100 00
Wood On hand	141 00
Groceries On hand	22 60
Household Furniture	450 00
	$3,377.35

Due

For Milk	246 00
" Wood & Other Items	46 77
From the Town of Randolph	21 01
" " " Northboro	11 30
Cash On hand	132 67
	457 75
Total Amt of Inventory	$3,835.10

Receipts –

Cash on hand Feb. 16th 1874	140 62
" Rec'd from the Town of Townsend	43 81
" " " Town debts due	97 18
" " for Pork & Pigs Sold	76 67
" " " Calves & Fowls Sold	33 88
" " " Milk Sold	569 69
" " " Wood & Lumber	294 72
" " " Stock Sold	212 00
" " " Hay & Grain Sold	89 53
" " " Vegetables	46 30
" " " Other Items	4 17
" " " Beef & Hams	39 88
" " " Hides	5 60
" " " Use of Team	11 70
" " " Pasturing Cattle	11 00
" " from Levi Flagg	25 00
" " " Town Treasurer	195 70
	$1,058 85

The Town Treasurer has received from the State. On Acct of State Paupers	171 41

Expenses Away from the farm –

For I Rivers	3 00
" Caroline Harrington	48 20
" Zebina C Lincoln	269 00
" John Aldrich	29 59
" Burial Expenses of John Aldrich	12 50
" State Lunatic Hospital R D Prentice	16 93
" " " " Elizabeth Jennings	65 00
" " " " Jane Jourdan	274 48
Town of Phillipston Eunice Adams	20 14
City of Boston Alice A Thornton	31 56
" " Chelsea Geo E Flagg	12 00
" " Worcester John Martin	46 60
" " " John Jennings	83 19
" " " Burial Expenses of J. Jennings	12 00
Town of Milford for Frank Coburn	12 38
" " " for Ann Willard	21 14
" " " " Wm C Woods	11 68
A. Remick	18 75
J. Maloney	21 01
Henry Prentice	19 75
Call & Turner	9 38
Sawyer Austin	11 30
Mary Cook	3 19
E A Davis	7 50
Sam'l Wood	9 07
Dolly Fairbanks	6 00
Spaulding	2 00
Clover T Dietz	6 20
Peter Gabree	13 58
Joshua Robinson	6 00
Mr Heywood	4 00
Eben Gates	7 17
Aiding Travelers	1 80
Examination of Roads in Pauper Cases	35 54
Postage & Stationary	4 00
	$1,155.54

Paid At Farm		Paid for Hay	16 25
Paid John Kelly Amt due him		" " Repairs	11 67
April 1st 1874	393 30	" " Farming Tools	15 42
" On Acct of Salary due Apl 1st 1876	65 41	" " Oats and Potatoes	150 00
" For Other Labor	318 67	" " Grass Seed & Fertilizers	50 17
" " Meal & Grinding Corn	128 16	" " Sundry items	5 28
" On Harnesses	18 00	" " Stock	342 50
" Blacksmithing	30 26	" " Dry goods - Clothing and Household goods	71 26
" Nursing	70 90	" " Services of Overseers	110 00
" Medical Attendance	36 00	Amt Paid at Farm	$2,370 62
" Burial Expenses of Betsy Harrington	12 00	" " away from Farm	1 155 56
" Groceries	361 24		$3,526,18
" Meat	299 16	Cash On hand	132 67
			$3,658,85

Whole number of Tramps put up for the Year 837. and 298 more had meals without lodgings. Whole number of persons at the Alms House at the present time 6. Whole number of weeks Board 388. There will be due John Kelly $ 234.59 - The following persons who have been aided by the Town have died - John Jennings, Betsey Harrington, John Aldrich, Zibina C Lincoln, Jane Jourdan and Michael Horgan -

In 1874 an Act was passed Shortening the time of Settlement from 10 Years to five Years residence and giving to all unsettled persons a Settlement by the payment of three Years taxes within that time whether the residence and taxation be wholly before or wholly after, or partly before ~~or~~ and partly after its Exactment. It also gives any woman 21 Years Old a Settlement by living in any town 5 Years Altogether. This has added to Our number of Paupers and consequently increased our Expenses.

Respectfully Submitted

James G Putnam
Amos G Mitchell
Perley Goddard
} Overseers of the Poor

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

The Chief Engineers Report having been Printed and presented was accepted as follows —

Town of Grafton in account with
G F Jourdan Chief Engineer

For expenditures for the Fire Department for the Year Ending Feb 16th 1875

Cr

By Cash received of Town Treasurer $1,661.95

Dr

Rescue Engine Company No 1.

Paid Services of 48 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1874		$81.67
" Care of Engine and Apparatus		20.00
" Harrington & Nichols for Sundries		6.62
" B Gibson " "		1.95
" A R Whitehead " "		2.94
" S Binton for Horses to fires Since 1872		16.00
		$429.18

Empire Engine Company No 2

Paid Services of 49 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1874		$81.66
" Care of Engine and Apparatus		20.00
" S B Allen Sundries		5.31
" L. H. Bigelow Horses to fires		6.00
		$422.97

Blackstone Engine Company No 3

Paid. Services of 46 Men for Year Ending May 1st 1874		76.68
" Care of Engine and Apparatus		20.00
" E Fisher & Sons Sundries		16.12
		$412.80
Paid for 300 feet of New Hose	$375.00	
" Express	1.00	
" " Half Dozen Hose Jackets	21.00	
	$397.00	
	$1661.95	

Amount of Cash Receipts 1661 95
Amount of Cash Paid 1661 95

All of which is Respectfully Submitted
G F Jourdan Chief Engineer

A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Book Agnts Report was Accepted as follows
Town of Grafton In Account with J F Searle
Cr

By Books On hand Feb 17th 1874		$212.24	
" Cash " " " " "		42.62	
" " Received of Town		75.00	
" " " for Books Sold	492.03		$821.89

Dr

To Cash Paid for Books		$436.20	
" " " " Agnts Salary.		50,55	
" " " " Text Books & Grants to Scool		58,29	
" Books on hand Feb 12th 1875		221,14	
" Cash " " " " "	35 71		82189

J F Searle Agnt

Grafton Feb 12th 1875
A Copy
Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Report of the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery for the Year Ending March 1st 1875. accepted as follows

Cash on hand March 1st 1874		$58,76
" Received for lots during the Year		10 00
		$ 68,76
" Paid during the Year for improvements		16 95
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer		51,81

N K Merriam Clerk & Treasurer
A Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Report of the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery was accepted as follows—
Town of Grafton in Account with Trustees of Riverside Cemetery
Dr

1874			
March 12. Paid John Daniels for work		8,00	
April 1 " " " " "		21 10	
July 3 " E J Woods Drawing Logs		54,32	
1875 Feb 10. " Reuben Taft. Cutting Timber &		205,56	
" " " Drawing Logs and Wood		58 00	
" " " Sawing Lumber		124 16	
" " " Work on Cemetery		169,74	
" " " Interest		18 20	
" 13 " Sabin Tow		6 00	
" " " Harrington & Nichols		55	
" 15 Balance Cash On hand	195,28		$760.64

over

1874 Cr

Feb 17	By Cash On hand			$24,79	
March 23	" "	For Lots Sold		12,00	
April 18	" "	" "	"	11,70	
July 1	" "	" "	"	8,06	
" 25	" "	of Saunders Cotton Mills for Wood		105,19	
Dec 11	" "	For Lots Sold		11,40	
1875 Feb 10	" "	of Reuben Taft for Lumber Sold		89,64	
" "	" "	" "	" Plank	68 37	
" "	" "	" "	" Wood	69,00	
" "	" "	" "	" Lumber	461,49	860,640
" 15	Balance Cash on Hand			$195,28	$195,28

For the Trustees Geo K Nichols Treasurer —
Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Report of the Common Committee was Accepted as follows
Town of Grafton in Account with
The Committee on the Common —

Dr

1874					
May 4th	Paid for raking leaves			$2,50	
June 9.	" "	3 loads. ~~Stones~~		3,00	
		Loam and Carting		1,25	
		Labor near Elm tree		2,50	
		2 loads gravel		2,00	
		Drilling Stone posts for rails		6,20	
		Repairing fence		13,70	
		New Rails		4,80	
		Covering Posts		1,87	
		2 Posts & Setting		1,85	
		Bolting Tree		1,25	
		Mowing Common		4,50	
		Weeding & Grading walks		16,08	
		Painting fence		35,00	
		Balance Cash On hand		43,69	$140,19

Cr

Feb 18th 74	By Cash On hand			$39,19	
June 19	" "	"	Selectmens Order	100,00	
May 4	" "	"	Recvd for Leaves	1,00	$140,19

For the Committee D W Norcross —

For Reports of the Trustees of the Free Public Library and General School Committee. See Printed Reports on File Attest James W White Town Clerk

The Committee Chosen by the Town to build a School House at New England Village Submitted their Report in writing which was Accepted as follows-

Whole Amount received. Town Warrant		$8000,00
" " for Sale of pictures		30
		$8000,30

Whole Amount Paid -

For Land	$150,00	
To Reuben Taft. (Contract)	7,175,00	
For Cellar and Wall	214,97	
" Fence and Painting	182,95	
" Grading	65,34	
To Reuben Taft for Extras	88,87	
For Balustrade & Vane	47,83	
" Drain & Pipe	27,13	
" Miscellaneous Expenses	22,85	
" Balance to finish grading	25,36	$8000.30

All of which is respectfully Submitted

W E Rice
F Baldwin
J B White
Thos K Whittemore
} Building Committee

F Baldwin Esq one of the above Building Committee Made an additional. Verbal Report in Effect. "that the people in New England Village. had procured a Bell and placed the Same. upon their New School House at a cost of about One hundred dollars-

On Motion of James W White it was voted that the Thanks of the Town be tendered to the People of New England Village. for their generous donation of a Bell for their New School House-

Took up the Fourth Article in the Warrant.

On Motion Voted to choose three Road Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 158. Acts of 1871. which Act. was Accepted by the Town On the fourth day of March A D 1872-

On Motion Voted that a Committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to nominate Suitable persons for road Commissioners- The Moderator appointed George F Slocomb. Silas E Stowe Jonas H Allen. Joseph Adams and Stephen R White. Said Committee.

The Committee retired for consultation and Subsequently Nominated (over)

Rufus E Warren for three Years.
L H Bigelow for two Years
Horace Batchelder for One Year. which was accepted
Took up the Second article in the Warrant. and
By Ballot chose for Road Commissioners
Rufus E Warren for three years who was Sworn March 6th 1875 by J White Town Clerk
L H Bigelow for two Years - Sworn March 6th 1875 by J White Town Clerk
Horace Batchelder for one Year - Sworn March 22 1875 by J White Town Clerk
Reconsidered the vote whereby the Selectmen were made Bridge Comrs
Took up the fifth article in the Warrant.
On Motion - Voted to raise Thirty Thousand dollars by tax on the Polls and Estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to defray town Charges the Ensuing Year

Voted to Appropriate Five Thousand Dollars for Common Schools

Voted to Appropriate Two Thousand five hundred dollars for High and Grammar Schools -

Voted to Appropriate One Thousand Dollars for the Fire Department

Voted to Appropriate Five Hundred Dollars for Rent of Town Hall

Voted to Appropriate Three Thousand Dollars for repairs of Highways

Voted to Appropriate Four Hundred Dollars and the Surplus Dog Fund for the "Free Public Library -

Voted to Appropriate One hundred dollars - for the use of the Grand Army - for Decoration, or Memorial day -

Voted to Appropriate Two Hundred Dollars in Aid of the Grafton Central Street Light Association -

Voted to Appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars for the payment of Town Debt

Took up the Third Article in the Warrant.
The Committee Chosen to Sell the Town Farm
Reported that they had not Effected any Sale -

Took up the Sixth Article in the Warrant -
On Motion Voted to adopt the same course that was adopted last Year - which was as follows

up

"voted to Allow no discount on Taxes the Ensuing Year. and that all Poll Taxes be collected On demand and that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury On or before the first day of October Next. and that all Taxes remaining Unpaid after that day be Subject to an addition of One percent a month Until paid and all legal costs for collecting. The Collector to pay Over to the Treasurer all money by him collected Once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax Bills" and "in addition voted that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next.

Then voted to fix the compensation of the Collector by putting the collecting of the Taxes up at Auction. to the lowest bidder which was accordingly done - Barnabas. Newton bid fifteen Sixteenths (15/16) of One percent. and no One Offering to Collect for a less Sum. they were Struck off to him at that price

Took Up the Second Article in the Warrant and By Ballot chose Barnabas Newton Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing. and he was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office March 6th 1875 by James W White Town Clerk

Took Up the Seventh Article in the Warrant -

On Motion Voted to leave the matter of fixing the compensation of the Sextons for burying the Dead the ensuing Year. with the Selectmen -

Took Up the Eighth Article in the Warrant -

On Motion Voted to Allow Firemen ten dollars a Year for Services the Ensuing Year -

Took Up the Ninth Article in the Warrant.

The List of Names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box. copies of which had been duly posted - was presented. And On Motion of Barnabas Newton. it was Voted to recommit the Same to the Selectmen with instructions to add to the List Such names as had been left off who were liable to Serve as Jurors if drawn Unless there was Something against their Moral Character -

Took Up the Tenth Article in the Warrant - and on Motion Voted that the High School be kept within the limits of the Centre District the Ensuing Year -

Took Up the Eleventh Article in the Warrant.
On Motion Voted that the Selectmen. cause One of the Church Bells in the centre of the Town to be rung at 12 Oclock M. and at 9 Oclock P M. the Ensuing Year

Took Up the Twelfth Article in the Warrant.
On Motion Voted to Authorize the Treasurer to borrow Ten Thousand Dollars. at Six percent per annum. payable Semi Annually. for a term of ten years

Took Up the Thirteenth Article in the Warrant.
On Motion Voted to Authorize the Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery. to fence the Easterly Side of the Cemetery. alike the Other parts of the Cemetery. and present their Bill for the same to the Selectmen.

Took Up the Fourteenth Article in the Warrant.
On Motion Voted to choose a Committee of three to enquire into the matter of this Article and Report at a future meeting. Then by Nomination chose Stephen R White George W Fisher and C C Willis Said Committee.

On Motion of C C Batchelder. Voted to adjourn this Meeting. to the first Monday in April next at Two Oclock in the Afternoon
Attest James W White Town Clerk

Know All Men by these presents That We D W Norcrop as principal and Jonathan D Wheler as Surety both of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Otis Norcrop of Boston in the County of Suffolk also as Surety are holden and Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the full and just Sum of Three Thousand Dollars to be paid unto Said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton their Successors or Assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves, Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with Our Seals. Dated the Eighth day of March in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and Seventy five

The condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the Said D W Norcrop has been duly chosen One of the Constables of Said Town of Grafton for the Year Ensuing and has accepted Said Office.

Now if the Said D W Norcrop as Such Constable Shall during the term for which he is Elected to Said Office faithfully perform the duties of Constable in the Service of All Civil processes which may be committed to him. Then this Obligation Shall be Void. Otherwise Shall remain in full force.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Henry F Wing to D W N & J D W
Florence Tyson to O N

D W Norcrop LS
Jon D Wheler LS
Otis Norcrop LS

Accepted by the Board of Selectmen March 15th 1875.

T T Briggs
A D Shattuck
Silas Winton
Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy.
Attest:

James W White Town Clerk

Know All Men by these presents That We. Rufus E Warren of Grafton. in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts. as principal, and Silas E Stowe and James W McKenzie of Said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and firmly bound to Said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind Ourselves and Our Heirs. Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents- Sealed with Our Seales. and dated this Sixteenth day of March in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five-

The condition of this Obligation is Such that whereas. the Said Rufus E Warren. has been Chosen Treasures of Said Town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that Office. and been duly Sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same.- Now if the Said Rufus E Warren Shall as Treasures as aforesaid faithfully account for and pay Over. All Monys by him received. and Also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid Office. then this Obligation Shall be Void - Otherwise Shall remain in full force and Virtue -

Executed in presence of the word "Payment" first inserted James W White for Warren. Stow & McKenzie

Rufus E Warren L S
Silas E Stowe L S
James W McKenzie L S

Accepted and Approved March 22 A D 1875

H Batchelor
A D Shattuck
I Winton
Jere Robenson
Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy Attest

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton April 5th 1875

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs. Met in the Town Hall at two Oclock in the afternoon pursuant to adjournment from March first. The Meeting was called to Order by S D Hall - Moderator, and the following proceedings were had -

First Voted to dispense with the reading of the Records of the last Meeting -

Took up the second article in the Warrant,

It appearing that there was a vacancy in the Office of Constable by reason of the non acceptance of the Office by Henry Mann who was chosen March first. It was Voted to procud to Elect a Constable to fill said Vacancy. Then by Ballot Chose William S Wood Constable. who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office the same day by James W White Town Clerk

On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner Voted not to Excuse the Field Drivers who were Elected March first & who had not taken the Oath of Office -

On Motion of A R Whitehead requesting to be Excused from Serving as Field Driver Voted that he be excused and Henry R Leland was chosen in his place -

The following Communication from Gilbert C Taft was then received by the Town Clerk and read by the Moderator to the Meeting -

Grafton April 5th 1875

James W White Esq - Town Clerk - Dear Sir When I was at your Office to be qualified as One of the Assessors. I thought that a matter of business, on my hands would be closed before the first of May. It now appears that it will not be. Consequently I must resign the Office of Assessor. Thanking the Town for the confidence so many Times Expressed I remain Your Obt Servant

Gilbert C Taft.

Copy Attest James W White Town Clerk

Then On Motion Voted to Excuse Mr Taft from Serving as Assessor and to proceed to elect a person to Serve in his place – Then by Ballot chose John B White Assessor in place of Mr Taft John B White being present positively declined Serving –

Then by Ballot chose George W Fisher Assessor who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office by S D Hall Moderator in Open Town Meeting

On Motion Voted that the Assessors cause the Valuation and Taxes to be printed the current Year –

Took up the ninth Article in the Warrant.

The Selectmen to whom the List of Names prepared to be placed in the Jury Box was recommitted on the first day of March last past with instructions to restore the names which had been removed Unless there was something against their moral character presented the Same list of names without alteration or amendment. as ~~now~~ now recommitted to them.

Luke F Allen and Henry F Wing whose names were borne upon the list both Asked to be Excused from Serving as Jurors. And by Vote they were Excused –

A Motion was then made to accept the list as it then Stood – An Amendment to the Motion was then Offered. That All names not upon that list which were accepted by the Town last Year and were Still liable to Serve as Jurors if drawn. be Added to the list – The Vote being taken on the Amendment was carried in the affirmative. The Vote being then taken on the Motion as Amended was carried in the affirmative – And the List of Names as Amended was accepted as follows Viz –

Bigelow John W – Baldwin Franklin. Bigelow L H. Bigelow Abram M. Bigelow Alden M. Barker William F. Balcom M D. Crosby John P. Cady Henry K Chickering J H. Carroll Francis. Davis Loren S. Drury Thomas J. Dodge Joseph A Dimmis Henry W. Eaton Samuel W. Elliot Aaron Estabrook George W. Faulkner Winthrop. Fletcher Noah. Flagg Samuel C. Fisher Albert L Goddard Perley – Greenwood H C. Gurney Abram C – Hall J G. Hall Andrew J. Hall F N. Holbrook William Jones William H Jourdan George F Johnson A B. Keith Moses A Knowlton Saml H. Knowles Simon A Knight Willard P. Lindley E C. Leland Luther K

Mc Kenzie James W. Mann Henry Nilson Jasper S. Newton Barnabas Norcrop D. W. Nichols L. H. Putnam James G Powers S. J. Pratt Charles L. Rugg George H. Robinson Jerimiah Stockwell Leander Swasey John A. Stratton Oscar Stockwell Seth - Vinton Silas. Warren Horace S. Wesson Henry Wheler Edmond F - Worcester Frank. Whitcomb Levi S. - White Stephen R Whitehead A. R - George M Newton whose name was entitled to be placed on said list was by vote excused at his own request -

Took up the Second article in the Warrant -

On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner it was voted to reconsider the vote passed March first whereby the Selectmen were made Auditing Committee for the year Ensuing - Then On motion of the Same voted to choose by Ballot an Auditing Committee of three Members - Then by Ballot Chose Winthrop Faulkner Luke F Allen and George F Slocomb Auditing Committee - and they Signified their acceptance of the Office and were duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Same by S D Hall Moderator -

On Motion of Winthrop Faulkner voted that all Officers of the Town who draw pay Shall be confined to "Statute law".

On Motion voted that the compensation of the Road Commissioners be thirty cents per hour or three dollars per day of ten hours - and the price of help and teams Such as Commissioners agree -

Then voted to dissolve this Meeting -

A True Record

James W White Town Clerk

Collectors Bond

Know All Men by these presents that We Barnabas Newton of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Principal and Samuel C Flagg and Horace S Warren of said Grafton as Sureties. are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton or its Certain Attorney in the Sum of twenty thousand dollars. for the payment of which well and truly to be made. we bind Ourselves. and Our Heirs Executors and Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with Our Seals and dated this first day of April in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five.

The condition of this Obligation is such that Whereas the said Barnabas Newton has been chosen Collector of Taxes for said Town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that Office. and - duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the Same - Now if the said Barnabas Newton shall as Collector aforesaid faithfully collect, account for and pay Over all the Taxes. which he shall be legally required to collect. and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the Other legal duties of the aforesaid Office. then this Obligation shall be void. Otherwise shall remain in full force and Vistue -

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of A A Ballou

Barnabas Newton LS
Samuel C Flagg LS
Horace S Warren LS

Approved April 5th 1875

H Batchelder
Silas Vinton
Jere Robinson
} Selectmen of Grafton

A Copy Received April 5th A.D. 1875

James W White Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held April 20th A D 1875. at two Oclock in the afternoon, the following Town Officers were appointed for the Year ensuing viz

For Engineers of the Fire Department.

James W Mc Kenzie
Henry Magan
Silas E Stowe
James Gleason
Martin R Howe
John W Bigelow
Aaron Elliott
L H Bigelow
S B Allen
Geo W Fisher
C C Willis
Ezekiel Fowler

For Sealer of Weights & Measures

James W White who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office April 21st by Henry F Wing Justice of the Peace

For Pound Keeper Benjamin Kingsbury

For Measurers of Wood and Bark

A J Hall
Geo K Nichols
Elbridge Potter
E W Lindley
E Fowler
C C Willis Sworn July 6th 1875 By James W White Town Clerk
David Fisher Sworn June 16th 1875 By James W White Town Clerk

For Weighers of Hay Coal &c.

Saml. Harrington Geo K Nichols both Sworn April 22d by Town Clerk
L C Taft
E Fowler
C C Willis Sworn July 6th 1875 By J W White Town Clerk
Elbridge Potter

For Measurers of Upperleather.

Joseph A Dodge Sworn April 22d 1875 by Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held April 26th A.D 1875. Upon the petition of numerous citizens of the Town, it was Ordered that Ball Playing in the Streets and public Highways throughout the Town be prohibited and that the Constables of the Town be requested to see that the Above Ordn is Strictly Enforced And that the Town Clerk be directed to cause Notices of the Above to be printed and posted in the diffrent parts of the Town

James W White Town Clerk

License No 1.

In Accordance with the provisions of Section 2d of an act passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts at its Session in the year Eighteen hundred and Seventy five Entitled "an Act to regulate the Sale of intoxicating liquors" a License of the fourth class provided for under the Seventh Section of Said Act is hereby granted by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester to David White of Said Grafton, to Sell liquors of any kind not to be drunk on the premises & to continue in force until the first day of May A.D 1876 unless Sooner forfeited or rendered void Said business to be carried On in the Apothecary Store of Said David White in Warrens Block so called Standing on the northerly Side of the Common in the Central part of Said Grafton — Said license is granted Subject to the following conditions viz

First That the provisions in regard to the nature of the License and the building in which the business may be carried On under it Shall be Strictly adhered to

Second That no Sale of Spiritous or intoxicating liquor Shall be made between the hours of twelve at night and Six in the Morning, Nor during any part of the Lords day, Except Upon the prescription of a Physician —

Third That no liquor except such as is of good Standard quality and free from adulteration Shall be kept or Sold on the premises described in this license

Fourth That No Sale or delivery of liquor Shall be made on the premises described in this license to a person known to be a drunkard, or to an intoxicated person or to a Minor

Fifth That there shall be no disorder, indecency prostitution Lewdness or illegal gaming on the premises described in this license or on any premises connected therewith by any interiour communication.

Sixth That this license or a copy thereof certified by the Town Clerk of the Town of Grafton shall be displayed on the premises in a conspicuous position where it can be easily read-

Seventh This License shall be subject to a forfeiture for a breach of any of its conditions, and in case the Licensee is convicted in any Court of competent Jurisdiction of having violated any of such conditions, this license shall thereupon become void

Dated at Grafton this first day of May A.D. 1875.

Horace Batchelor Chairman of the Selectmen of Grafton

James W White Town Clerk

A Copy Received at 8h 55m A M May 1st A D 1875

James W White Town Clerk

Grafton May 3d A.D. 1875

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following persons were appointed Constables of the Town of Grafton for the remainder of the current Year viz

Charles A White Sworn May 3d by Town Clerk

William S Fullerton " Sworn May 11th by Town Clerk

Grafton August 2d 1875

At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day Henry Mann was appointed Measurer of Wood and Bark for the remainder of the Year.

William S Wood was appointed Lockup Keeper for the Year Ensuing — Compensation Same as last Year — he was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office August 3 1875

By James W White Town Clerk

At a Special Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton held at their Office On the Fifteenth day of September A D 1875 Jonathan B Sibley was appointed a Special Constable of the Town of Grafton for the remainder of the municipal Year and being present accepted the Office and was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of its duties by James W White Town Clerk

J F Searle & A Taft and Geo P Bigelow were appointed Special Constables of the Town of Grafton to Serve during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth days of September Current and were each duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their Office by James W White Town Clerk

Peter S Maher was also appointed a Special Constable of the Town of Grafton to Serve during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth days of September Current but was not Sworn into Office. to the knowledge of the Town Clerk.

At a Special meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Grafton held at their office on the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1875 A. A. Ballou was appointed Town Clerk for the unexpired term of James H. White deceased. and was duly sworn to the faithful discharge of its duties by Samuel Harrington Esq

Attest —

A. A. Ballou Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To either of the Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the Second day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Reciver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councilor for the Third Councilor District and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a Registrar of Deeds for the County of Worcester and for a Representative to represent the Twelfth Representative District in the County of Worcester, in the General Court of Massachusetts to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The votes for all the above officers will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes on separate ballots as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the officer voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive votes for the above offices at nine o'clock A. M. and may be closed at twelve o'clock M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by putting up an attested copy thereof, thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to convene at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

Horace Batchelor
Thos T. Briggs
A. D. Shattuck
Silas Vinton
Jere Robinson
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by putting an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

S. Dana Hall } Constable Grafton.

Grafton Nov 2nd 1875.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday November 2nd A.D. 1875. it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month.

The meeting was called to order by Horace Batchelor, Chairman of the board of Elections, and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

At ten o'clock A.M. the Polls were opened for receiving votes for the several offices enumerated in the Warrant.

On motion of J.K. Ward voted that the Polls be closed at three o'clock P.M.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the votes having all been given in and no objection being made, the Polls were closed; - And the votes having been counted, recorded and sealed up as the law requires, were declared as follows; -

Whole number votes for Governor Four hundred and ninety eight;		498.
Alexander H. Rice of Boston had Two hundred and sixty votes		260.
William Gaston of Boston had Two hundred and twenty four votes		224.
John J. Baker of Beverly had Thirteen votes		13.
Charles Francis Adams of Quincy had One vote		1.
Whole number votes for Lieutenant Governor, Five hundred and two		502.
Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton had Two hundred and seventy eight votes		278.
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had Two hundred and twenty three votes		223.
William T. Bartlett of Pittsfield had One vote		1.
Whole number votes for Secretary of State Five hundred and three		503.
Henry B. Pierce of Abington had Two hundred and seventy eight votes		278.
Sidney A. Monroe of Boston had Two hundred and twenty four votes		224.
Thomas Aldrich of Grafton had One vote		1.
Whole number votes for Treasurer & Receiver General Five hundred and one		501.
Charles Endicott of Canton had Two hundred and seventy seven votes		277.
Hosea Kimball of Fairhaven had Two hundred and twenty three votes		223.
Charles Pennimans of Grafton had One vote		1.
Whole number votes for Auditor Four hundred and ninety eight		498.
Julius A. Clarke of Newton had Two hundred and seventy seven votes		277.
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston had Two hundred and twenty votes		220.
Timothy Bennett of Grafton had One vote		1.

Whole number votes for Attorney General Four hundred and ninety nine — 499.
Charles R. Train of Boston had Two hundred and seventy eight votes 278.
George F. Verry of Worcester had Two hundred and twenty votes 220.
Henry Adams had One vote 1.

Whole number votes for Councilor Third District, Five hundred and one 503
Allen Leland of Holliston had Two hundred and seventy seven 277.
Hugh J. Toland of Boston had Two hundred and twenty six 226.

Whole number votes for County Commissioner, Five hundred and three — 503.
Henry G. Taft of Uxbridge had Two hundred and eighty votes 280.
George R. Spurr of Worcester had Two hundred and twenty three 223.

Whole number votes for Register of Deeds, Five hundred and three 503.
Edward F. Raymond of Worcester of Worcester had Two hundred and eighty four 284.
Charles A. Chase of Worcester of had Two hundred and nineteen 219.

Whole number votes for Senator Second Worcester District, Four hundred and seventy eight 478.
Abraham M. Bigelow of Grafton had Two hundred and seventy nine votes — 279.
Henry L. Fales of Milford had One hundred and ninety seven votes 197.
James H. McKenzie of Grafton had Two votes 2.

Whole number votes for Representative Twelfth Worcester District, Four hundred & ninety nine 499.
John F. Searle of Grafton had Two hundred and eighty four — 284.
Thomas F. Grigg of Grafton had Two hundred and fourteen. 214.
C. C. Green Jr. of Shrewsbury had One vote 1.

Whole number votes in the town of Shrewsbury for Representative One hundred & ninety nine 199.
John F. Searle of Grafton had One hundred and thirteen votes 113.
Thomas F. Grigg of Grafton had Eighty two votes 82.
Thomas Rice of Shrewsbury had Two votes 2.
Joseph S. Hemenway of Shrewsbury had One vote 1.
Josiah G. Stow of Shrewsbury had One vote 1.

And John F. Searle of Grafton was elected by ninety six votes (Majority) 96.

A true Record

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Worcester ss

To either of the Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the second day of November A.D. 1875. at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz:

Art 1st To chuse a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2nd To see if the town will accept and cause to be built a road as laid out by the Road Commissioners as petitioned for by Lewis A. Stowe and others.

Art 3rd To see if the town will discontinue so much of the old road as leads from the Jeremiah Flagg place – so called – to the four corners easterly of J. B. Sibley

Art 4th To hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Office in New England Village, Hammondville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

Horace Batchelor
Thos T. Griggs
A. D. Shattuck
Silas Taintor
Jere Robinson
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Grafton and at the Post Office in New England Village, Hammondville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

Grafton Nov 2nd 1875. S. Davis Hall } Constable of Grafton.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday November 2nd A.D. 1875. at one o'clock in the afternoon and transacted the following business - viz:

The meeting was called order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Took up Article 1st and S. D. Hall was chosen by ballot Moderator to preside in said meeting. - Check list used -

Took up Article 2nd Heard the report of the Road Commissioners which on motion of Silas L. Stowe voted to accept the report and authorize the Road Commissioners to build the road as laid out by them.

Took up Article 3rd. Voted to discontinue so much of the old road as leads from the Jeremiah Flagg place - so called - to the four corners easterly of J. S. Sibleys.

Took up Article 4th - (No reports)

Voted to dissolve the meeting

A true record. Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

(For Petition and Road Commissioners Report, see next page)

To the Honorable Road Commissioners of the town of Grafton; —

Gentlemen;

The undersigned, legal voters of the town of Grafton respectfully request your honorable Board to lay out and locate for the use of the town a new road, commencing on the present road at or near the crossing of the brook southerly of the house of Lewis A. Stowe and continuing in a southerly direction until it intersects with the new road leading from Grafton to Upton at or near a stone monument on said road numbered (fifty nine) 59.

Names.	Names.
Lewis A. Stowe	Joseph Merriam
Silas Vinton	Bradford Chase
Geo W. Setchuck	Thomas O'Keefe
J. B. Sibley	H. A. Robbins
L. E. Stowe	Charles O'Hara
Joseph Adams	Jerry O'Keefe
S. N. Fay	John Bonner
George A. Fay	W. H. Brown
H. R. Leland	F. E. Brown

A true copy — Attest

L. A. Ballou.
Town Clerk.

The Road Commissioners of the town of Grafton upon the petition of L. A. Stowe and others, have laid out a town road for the use of said town, bounded as follows;
Beginning at a stone bound number (fifty nine) 59. at an angle in the County road near the house of Mr. Wm A. Brown, thence over land of said Brown N 28½° E. 10⅗ rods to the town road thence same course 7⅗ rods to an angle in the wall on the west side of the road — Whole distance eighteen rods. It will take of Mr. Brown land thirty one square rods, for which we award him the sum of $19.38 — The above described bounds are on the westerly line of said road and is laid out three rods wide, lying on the easterly side of said course —

Estimated cost of making said road	$200.00
Whole amount	$200.00

Said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded will be forever after known as a public town road.

Rufus S. Warren
S. H. Bigelow
A. Batchelor
} Road Commissioners of Grafton.

Grafton Sept 1875.

A true copy Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester — Greeting;
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the first day of February A. D. 1876 at one o'clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Abraham M. Bigelow.
The votes for the above officer will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes, on separate ballots, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the officer voted for.
The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officer at one o'clock P.M. and may be closed at three o'clock P.M. — And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

T. T. Griggs
Silas Winton
Jere Robinson
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Grafton, and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville, and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton January 31st 1876 —

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met in the town Hall in said Grafton, Tuesday the first day of February A.D. 1876 at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by Silas Vinton one of the Selectmen, and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk and the Polls were opened for receiving votes for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District. On motion of C. M. Batchiller voted to close the Polls at four o'clock P.M.

At four o'clock in the afternoon the votes having all been given in and no objection being made the Polls were closed — and the votes having been assorted counted, recorded and sealed up as the law requires, were declared as follows;—

Whole number of votes for Senator for Second Worcester District —
Three hundred and Thirty four — — — 334.

Isaac C. Mayhew of Milford had Two hundred and two votes — 202.

Jonathan H. Ward of Grafton had One hundred and thirty two votes — 132.

A certificate in accordance with the above vote was signed sealed and sent to the Secretary of State, the votes and check list sealed up and the meeting dissolved.

A true record — Attest —

L. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the county Worcester, — Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the first day of February A.D. 1876, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see what action the town will take with regard to the suit brought against the town by Edward C. Howe of Shrewsbury.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

Thos T. Briggs
Silas Victor
Jere Robinson
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Grafton and at the Post Office in New England Village Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Jan 31st 1876.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday February 1st A.D. 1876. at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk. Horace Batchellor was chosen Moderator by ballot. The check list being used.

Took up Article 3rd C.M. Batchellor moved that a committee of three be chosen to defend the town in the suit of Edward E. Howe v Town of Grafton.

S. L. Stowe moved an amendment (or substitute) that the case be left with the Selectmen to be settled by reference if it could be, if not, to defend the town in case of a trial — and the motion was carried as amended.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record — Attest —

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the county Worcester. — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the sixth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To chose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 3. To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Article 4. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Footways and Bridges the ensuing year.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same and act thereon.

Article 6. To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarially pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector and act thereon.

Article 7. To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Article 8. To see what compensation the town will allow the Firemen for the year ensuing and act thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Article 10. To determine where within the town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Article 11. To see if the town will cause one of the Church bells in the center of the town to be rung at

12. o'clock M. and at 7. o'clock P.M - or act thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will make an appropriation to pay the expense of the land over which is constructed the new avenue on to the hill section of the Pine Grove Cemetery, as petitioned for by E. Baldwin and others, and act thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to place the set of Law Reports and other law books belonging to the Town in the office of John M. Gleason Esq., on condition that said M. Gleason secure the the Town against the loss of the same, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Office in New England Village, Fammusville, and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy six -

Horace Batchelor
Thomas F. Griggs
Silas Whitin
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss.

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in the center of the Grafton and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Fammusville and Saundersville seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

Attest

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Feb 29th 1876.

- A copy -

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1876. at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by Horace Batchelor Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Clerk read the Warrant for the meeting, and called for ballots for Moderator, and S. D. Hall was unanimously elected Moderator - the check list being used -

The Moderator then called on Rev. W. S. Burton who offered prayer.

Took up Article 2nd - F. M. Marble moved to chose the several Town Officers on one ballot.

H. F. Wing moved as an amendment that we take up Article 3rd and hear the Reports of the several Town Officers and Committees - and the amendment was carried.

Then voted to take up Article 3rd

Voted that the Selectmens Report be laid upon the table.

Voted to accept the Treasurers Report as printed.

Voted to accept the Collectors Report as printed

On motion of E. A. Taft voted that a committee be appointed to investigate the Report of the Overseers of the Poor and ascertain the cost per week for keeping the towns poor, pro rata; - Also to investigate the charge made in the Press against the Overseers of the Poor.

On motion of J. H. Winslow voted to have a committee of five to investigate the charges made against the Overseers of the Poor.

Chose for that committee, J. H. Winslow[1] J. W. McKenzie[2] D. W. Sprague[3] and J. B. White[5] and E. E. Stowe[4].

Voted to lay Overseers Report on table.

Jas D. Wheeler moved that the Road Commissioners Report be recommitted with instructions to report in detail.

E. E. Stowe moved an amendment to accept the Report as printed - The amendment was carried and the Report was accepted.

Voted to accept the Chief Engineers Report as printed.

Voted to accept the Common Committees Report as printed

Voted to accept Trustees Riverside Cemetery Report as printed

Voted to accept Trustees Pine Grove Cemetery Report as printed

Voted to accept Park Agents Report as printed.

Aldem M Bigelow moved that the Liquor Agents Report be laid on the table and a committee of three chosen to investigate the Report and report at a future meeting. The motion was carried.
Voted to choose the committee by nomination. and Chose Reuben Taft. Geo R. Bigelow and Perley Goddard committee.
Voted to accept the Registrars Report as printed.
Voted to accept the Report of Trustees of Library as printed
Voted to accept the School Committee Report as printed

Took Article 2nd and voted to choose the Town Clerk, five Selectmen, Town Treasurer, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one School Committee, one Road Commissioner, one Trustee for Riverside Cemetery, one Trustee for Pond Grove Cemetery - one for Committee on Common and five Constables on one ballot - and that the Polls be closed at half past one oclock P.M.
Voted to take a recess from 12 oclock M. to 12½ oclock P.M.

At half past one oclock P.M the Polls were closed - and the votes having been assorted, counted and recorded were declared as follows: —

Whole number of vote for Town Clerk, Three Hundred and Seventy five — 375
Geo R. Newton had one vote 1.
Geo Bigelow had one vote 1.
A. A. Ballou had Three Hundred, Seventy three votes 373.
and was elected and duly sworn by the Moderator.

The vote for Selectmen was as follows: —

W. A. Keith had one vote 1
Pat O'Keefe had one vote 1
Warren Campbell had one vote 1
D. W. Plympton had one vote 1
L. H. Dodge had one vote 1
Geo M. Dunn had six votes 6.
H. S. Warren had one hundred and thirty three votes 133.
Jeremiah Flagg had Three hundred and fifty two votes - and was elected 352.
L. S. Davis had Three hundred and Seventy three votes and was elected and duly sworn by the Moderator - 373.
S. H. Hamilton had Three hundred and Seventy two votes and was elected and duly sworn by the Moderator — 372.

S. D. Hall had Two hundred and forty seven votes
and was elected and duly sworn by the Town Clerk 247.
Geo F. Slocumb had Three hundred and Seventy seven
votes and was elected, and duly sworn by the Moderator 377.

Whole number votes for Town Treasurer, Three hundred and seventy-
six. 376.
Rufus E. Warren had Three hundred and seventy six votes and was
elected and duly sworn by the Moderator 376.
For Assessors -
J. B. White had Three hundred and sixty two votes 362.
A. W. Rice had Three hundred and fifty seven votes (sworn May 1st 1876) 357.
G. C. Taft had Three hundred and Sixty one votes (sworn April 22d 76) 361.
and each of three named gentlemen were elected.
For Overseers of the Poor.
J. B. Sibley had Three hundred and fifty seven votes 357.
and was elected - (and was duly sworn by A. A. Ballou March 8th)
Warren Campbell had Three hundred and Seventy seven votes 377.
and was elected -
Wm Holbrook had Two hundred and thirty one votes 231.
and was elected. (sworn March 24th 1876. by A A Ballou Town clerk)
J. G. Patterson had One hundred and thirty one votes 131.
Geo M. Dunn had Forty eight votes 48.
For School Committee for three years.
W. E. Rice had Three hundred and sixty one votes 361.
and was elected -
P. S. Mahar had two votes 2.
Elias Campbell had one vote 1.
For Trustee for Riverside Cemetery - for five years.
Gilbert C. Taft had Three hundred and Seventy votes 370.
and was elected - sworn
For Trustee for Pine Grove Cemetery for five years
S. A. Kenedie had Two hundred and twenty nine votes 229.
and was elected -
Warren Campbell had One hundred and thirty eight votes 138.
For Road Commissioner for three years
S. E. Lemuel had Three hundred and fifty two votes 352.
and was elected and duly sworn by the Moderator
A. Batchelor had two votes 2.
For Common Committee for three years.
D. W. Norcross had Three hundred and sixty two votes 362.
and was elected.

For Constables -

S. D. Hall had Three hundred and seventy votes - 370.
and was elected and duly sworn by A. A. Ballou -

D. W. Norcross had Three hundred and sixty five votes - 365.
and was elected. sworn March 10th by A. A. Ballou

S. E. Crumb had Three hundred and sixty nine votes - 369.
and was elected. and duly sworn by the Moderator.

Robert Scott had Three hundred and sixty four votes 364.
and was elected. Sworn June 24th by A A Ballou

J. B. Sibley had Three hundred and sixty votes 360.
and was elected. (sworn by A. A. Ballou March 9th)

James Gleason had one vote 1.

J. G. Putnam had one vote 1.

Voted to choose the remaining town officers by nomination.

On motion of W. Faulkner voted to chose an auditing committee of three.

Chose W. Faulkner, L. F. Allen and Geo H. Nichols - auditors and they each were duly sworn by the Moderator.

Voted to have five Field Drivers

Chose Geo W. Fisher, E. A. Taft, Henry Campbell, W. E. Rice and Alfred Coutts (Taft, Campbell & Rice were duly sworn by the Moderator)

Voted to have Three Fence Viewers

Chose Silas Viets, S. E. Stowe and Joseph Adams - and they were duly sworn by the Moderator.

Voted to have two Measurers of Wood and Lumber.

Chose Reuben Taft - who was duly sworn by the Moderator - and J. M. Davenport.

Voted to leave the care of the Bridges in the hands of the Road Commissioners.

Voted to leave the appointment of all other town officers allowed by law, with the selectmen.

Took up Article 4th - and voted that the repairing of Highways and Fourways be left with the Road Commissioners

Took up Article 5th and on motion of W. Faulkner voted to raise the sum of Eighteen Thousand - $18.000. - for current expense for the ensuing year.

Voted to appropriate Four thousand and five hundred dollars for Common Schools.

Voted to appropriate Twenty two hundred and fifty dollars for High and Grammar Schools

Voted to appropriate Fourteen hundred dollars for the Free Department.

Voted to appropriate Seventy five dollars for the use of the Grand Army on Memorial Day.

Voted to appropriate the procede of the Dog Fund for the Free Public Library.

Voted to appropriate One hundred and fifty dollars for Street Lights at the Center of the town.

Voted to appropriate Two Thousand dollars for Highways.

On motion of W. Faulkner voted that all Town Committee, Officers or Agents be restricted from laying out or contracting for a larger amount of money or liability than has been appropriated for the several purposes by the Town of Grafton.

On motion of W. Faulkner voted that all Town Officers shall be paid such sums of money for their services as is provided by Statue law, and no more.

On motion of W. Faulkner voted that the Road Commissioners pay be two dollars and fifty cents per day.

On motion of W. Faulkner voted that no orders shall be drawn upon the Town Treasurer and paid until approved by the Town Auditors.

Took up Article 2nd and on motion of W. Faulkner voted that if the Agent engaged for the Poor Farm for the year to come, is not the proper person for the place, that he be removed, if in the judgment of the Overseers it be for the interest of the town to do so, and another agent hired in his place.

Took Article 6th and voted to adopt the same course that was adopted last year - as follows;

To allow no discount on taxes the ensuing year, and that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand, and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next, and that all taxes remaining unpaid after that day be subject to an addition of one per centum per month until paid and all legal costs for collecting. The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the

time he receives his tax bills; and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next.

Voted to fix the compensation of collection of taxes by putting the collecting of taxes up at auction to the lowest bidder, which was accordingly done.
Chas A. White bid seven eighths - 7/8 - of one per cent. and he being the lowest bidder they were struck off to him.

Took up Article 2nd and chose by ballot. Chas A. White Collector.
Sworn June 19th 1876. by A A Ballou

Took up Article 7th and voted that the compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead be fixed by the Selectmen.

Took up Article 8th and voted to pay the Firemen ten dollars per year each.

Took up Article 9th - Voted to excuse Geo F. Jaudon - at his request - and insert the name of Chas A. White in his place.
On motion of H. Faulkner and amended by John W. Howe, voted that the Jury list be recommitted to the Selectmen for additional names and to report at an adjourned meeting and that the additional names be taken from no foreign population.
Took up Article 10th - Voted the High School be kept within the limits of the Center District the ensuing year.

Article 11th Voted to pass over.

Article 12th On motion of S. A. Knowles voted that the town pay the sum of fifty dollars for land taken for the new avenue in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Article 13th - Voted to pass over.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at two o'clock P.M. - Adjourned -

Attest
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton Monday April 3d 1876.

Adjourned Meeting —

Meeting called to order by S. D. Hall Moderator. The reading of the records of the last meeting were dispensed with.

Took up Art 2nd — Eck Saunders moved that we proceed to ballot for a Selectman in place of Jeremiah Flagg who declined to serve. Motion carried

A ballot was taken with result as follows: —

Whole number of votes for Selectman -	201.
H. S. Warren had one hundred and forty two votes	142.
Richard Long had Fifty eight votes —	58.
E. M. Batcheller had one vote - — —	1.

and H. S. Warren was declared elected — and was duly sworn by the moderator.

E M Batcheller moved that we proceed by ballot for an Assessor in place of John B. White who declined to serve — Motion carried.

A ballot was taken with result as follows: —

Whole number of votes for Assessor —	175.
B. Newton had One hundred and four votes	104.
D. H. Norcross had Sixty six votes	66.
Gen M. Dunn had three votes	3.
D. C. Allen had one vote	1.
J. K. Axtell had one vote	1.

and B. Newton was declared elected. and was sworn April 22d by Sel. Ballou. Tax Clk

E. M. Batcheller moved that we proceed to ballot for Overseer of the Poor in place of Warren Campbell who declined to serve - Motion carried.

A ballot was taken, and the result as follows —

Whole number of votes for Overseer of the Poor —	49.
Erastus Adams had Forty nine votes.	49

and was declared elected S. Sworn June 12th 1876. by Faulkner

Took up Art 3 — H. Faulkner moved that we hear the Report of the Committee to investigate the Report of the Overseers of the Poor — Motion carried —

And the Committees Report was read by Rev J. H. Wheeler Chairman — Whereon on motion of H. Faulkner the Report was accepted.

On motion of J. A. Dodge voted to allow E. A. Taft to address the house on the subject of the foregoing Committees Report.

Voted to take a recess of one hour or less —

On reassembling E. A. Taft, Rev J. H. Windsor and A. M. Goulding addressed the house on the subject of the Report before referred to — after which it was voted to adopt the Report of the Committee to investigate the Overseers of the Poor Report, and certain charges made against said Overseers.

The Committee chosen to investigate the Seignor Agents Report reported on the same declaring the Agents Report false, after some discussion and the presentation of facts in proof of the Committees declaration, the Committees Report was accepted and adopted.

The Committees Report was as follows: —

"The committee to whom was referred the Seignor Agents Report has had the same under consideration and has gathered facts enough to prove that the Seignor Agents Report is false. If the town wish to have the proof in detail it can be furnished.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed)

Reuben Taft
Geo P. Begelow
Perley Goddard
} Committee

Grafton March 28th 1876.

Took up Art 9. — Luther K. Leland, Henry L. Painter Richard Long, Edward Fahay and Nicholas Sheridans names were proposed and accepted as Jurors to be added to the list of Jurors.

Voted that the names of all persons now on the Jury list not eligible, be taken from the list.

Took up Art 11. — Voted to have one of the Church bells at the center of the town, rung at twelve o'clock M. and at nine o'clock P.M. daily.

Voted to take a recess of half an hour.

After recess - Took up Art 5th
On motion of W. Faulkner voted that the Selectmen be authorized to draw their order for three hundred dollars - $300. - to defray the expenses of a Centennial Celebration July 4th 1876.

On motion of E. A. Taft voted that the Assessors be authorized to print their Valuation List for the ensuing year.

On motion of E. A. Taft voted that the Assessors be required to put all persons, having assessable property, under oath when such persons give in their returns to the Assessors.

Took up Art 3d Voted to accept the Reports of the Overseers of the Poor and Liquor Agent be accepted.
On motion of W. Faulkner voted to accept all Reports of town officers, and committee, not previously accepted.

Selectmens Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton; -
The Selectmen of the town of Grafton submit the following report for the year ending March 6th 1876.
They have settled with Rufus S. Warren, town treasurer, and find his account correct, and as follows; -

Dr.

To cash received from all sources as per treasurers report - $90,622.46

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By paid Selectmens Orders as follows; -
For Service of town officers; -

Town Clerks

James W. White, including sundry bills paid	$1.88	
A. A. Ballou	9.00	90.88

Selectmen

Horace Batchelor	25.00	
T. T. Briggs	25.00	
Silas Whitcomb	25.00	
A. D. Shattuck	25.00	
Jeremiah Robinson	25.00	125.00

Assessors.

Barnabas Newton, including clerk hire,	120.00	
S. A. Kenwick 1874-5	109.30	
Geo W. Fisher	20.00	249.30

Overseers of the Poor.

James G. Putnam	40.00	
Amos G. Getchell	35.00	
Perley Goldsmith	35.00	110.00

School Committee

A. J. Bates 1874	6.50	
D. W. Norcross	246.30	
W. E. Rice	169.75	
E. B. Savage	179.30	601.75

Constables.

S. D. Hall posting warrants		32.50

Sexton.

James Gleason	189.83	
H. H. Eady	83.75	
F. H. Hall	35.00	308.58

Library

H. F. Wing treasurer	400.00	
" " expenses	275.19	675.19

High and Grammar Schools.

Chas L. Eley principal	1575.00	
Julia E. Putnam assistant	480.00	
Jane E. Warren teacher grammar school	540.00	
A. M. Spalter teacher of drawing	68.60	
Fuel and care of schoolhouses	225.68	2889.28

Appropriation - $2500.00

Common Schools — Center.

Wages of teachers	193.50	
Fuel and care of schoolhouse,	263.36	

New England Village

Wages of teachers	825.00	
Fuel and care of schoolhouse	257.99	

Saundersville.

Wages of teachers,	555.00	
Fuel and care of schoolhouse	164.28	

Fanningsville.

Wages of teachers,	535.00	
Fuel and care of schoolhouse	180.33	

Bigelow Hill

Wages of teachers	240.00	
Fuel and care of school house	34.06	

Merrcaun District.

Wages of teachers	240.00	
Fuel and care of school house	46.38	

Fanns District.

Wages of teachers	265.00	
Fuel and care of schoolhouses	32.94	

Waterville.

Wages of teachers,	270.00	
Fuel and care of schoolhouse	61.38	

Keith Hill.

Wages of teachers	240.00	
Fuel and care of schoolhouse,	44.23	

Bingo Hill.

Wages of teachers	240.00	
Fuel and care of school house	52.33	5769.78

Appropriation $5000.00

Repairs and Apparatus for Schoolhouses

High and Grammar	137.08	
Center	81.67	
New England Village	51.24	
Waterville	7.03	
Fanns	2.16	
Merriam	57.72	
Georges Hill	7.40	
Keith Hill	7.05	
Fannieville	154.96	
Saundersville	53.88	
Brigham Hill	45.72	
Sub Primary	4.36	612.27

New Town Roads

Cost of construction – details in Commissioners Report –	267.00

Highways and Bridges

Road Commissioners – details in their report –	2378.30

Appropriation $3000.00

Breaking Roads.

Amount paid – details in Commissioners Report –	495.07

Town Farm and Support of Poor.

Paid Overseers of the Poor – details in their report –	1887.65

Fire Department.

Fanns Elliot, Chief Engineer – details in his report –	1175.29

Appropriation $1000.00

Pine Grove Cemetery.

F. Baldwin for fence	298.04

Grand Army

J. K. Axtell 100.00

Appropriation — $100.00

Street Lights.

H. F. Wing — treasurer. 200.00.

Appropriation $200.00

Special Police.

L. S. Whitcomb	4.50	
Wm S. Fullerton	15.00	
Robert Scott	5.00	
A. G. Getchell	5.00	29.50

Tenant Officers.

J. H. Thomas 1874–5.	16.65	
James Gleason	18.60	
L. L. Heywood	3.85	
Wm S. Fullerton	10.50	49.60

Miscellaneous.

Paid Chas H. White for water trough	5.00	
C. S. Balcom, ringing bell Apr 74 & Apr 75	20.83	
A. H. White " " Apr 75 & Oct 75	25.00	
Chas A. White, care Town Hall	100.00	
Tyler Seagrave printing reports	116.64	
W. R. Burton damage & Hack	10.00	
Ebenezer Lincoln damage & Sheep by dogs. 1874.	17.00	
D. M. Sorenson taking census of Schools	37.40	
S. F. Smith, wire screens for Lockup windows	10.00	
J. B. White coal for Town Hall	78.93	
Silas Tinton mowing old Cemetery	10.00	
Reuben Taft bookcase for documents	25.50	
Reuben Taft gates and posts for old Cemetery	66.72	
Charles Clark repairing Settee in Town Hall	8.50	
Tyler & Seagrave, printing valuation	124.70	
Lent & Son printing bylaws relating to Streets	14.00	
" " " " " Common	14.00	
Wm S. Wood care and board of prisoners	4.25	
State Provincial School, boarding M. Smith	57.15	
A. A. Ballou, express and postage	1.87	
A. A. Ballou, registering births, marriages & deaths	47.15	
A. A. Ballou, collecting taxes for 1873	26.17	
Rufus C. Warren, damages awarded C. C. Howe	186.00	
Silas Tinton expense reference in C. C. Howe case	12.00	
F. F. Briggs bill vaccination	95.00	
H. Batchelder perambulating town lines and Stone monuments for same	30.00	

Edmund F. Wheeler drawing stone at Thurlo bridge	10.00	
Barnabas Newton collecting taxes of 1874	22.42	
" " " " " 1875.	324.68	
Rufus L. Warren paying state aid	50.00	
Sullivan Newton for gravel	10.00	
C. A. White charcoal and oil for Town Hall	25.81	
J. F. Searle school-book agent	50.00	
Total,		$ 17,835.10

Total amount received as per Treasurer's report		$ 90,622.46
Total amount orders paid as per Treasurer's report	$ 17,835.10	
Other payments as per " " "	70,102.84	
Cash in Treasury " " "	684.52	$ 90,622.46

Amount of appropriation March 1st 1876. — $ 30,000.00

Divided as follows; —

Common Schools {State fund $ 3213.13}	5,000.00	
High and Grammar	2,500.00	
Highways	3,000.00	
Fire Department	1,000.00	
Rent Town Hall	500.00	
Library	400.00	
Street Lights	200.00	
Grand Army	100.00	
Town Debt	10,000.00	
Miscellaneous	7,300.00	$ 30,000.00

Liabilities of the Town.

Due agent of Town Farm — April 1st 1876. J. S. Fuller		274.37	
Due Alfred Jewett for labor		167.00	
Borrowed Grafton Savings Bank at 6 per cent 10 years		10000.00	
Borrowed Mutual R. Redemption at 4% due March 17th		4000.00	
Borrowed First National Bank due March 17th		2000.00	
Town Bonds at 5 per cent		14000.00	
" " " 6 per "		4000.00	
Accrued interest on bonds and notes	(366.67)	366.67	$ 34,808.04
Liabilities March 1. 1875.	$ 45,504.79		
Present liabilities	34,808.04		
Reduction for the year	$ 10,696.75		

Resources of the Town.

Uncollected Taxes for 1873.	1119.13
" " " 1874.	500.26
" " " 1875.	2727.69
Due from State for State aid	1104.60
Three fire engines and fixtures	3000.00

One hook and ladder carriage	300.00	
Three Engine Houses	2400.00	
One High School Building and land	4000.00	
One lockup	500.00	
Three Hearse houses	600.00	
Two new hearses	1000.00	
Furniture and fixtures in office	300.00	
School house and land	30000.00	
Town Farm and buildings	8000.00	
Personal property on farm	3171.00	
Cash items in hands of overseers.	110.60	$58.835.18

We respectfully submit the following estimate for which the town should provide by tax, or otherwise, in 1876, viz:—

Interest on Town debt	2000.00	
Appropriation for Common Schools	5000.00	
" " High and Grammar	2000.00	
" " Fire Department	1000.00	
" " Rent of Town Hall	500.00	
" " Repairs on Highways,	2500.00	
" " Other Expenses	7000.00	$20.000.00

List of Jurors—

The following is a list of names prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, to be placed in the Jury Box of said town for the year ensuing:—

Aldrich Leyne D.
Axtell Joseph K.
Axtell Leyne R.
Adams Joseph
Allen Jonas H.
Bigelow John W.
Bigelow Alden M.
Bigelow Lewis H.
Barker Wm F.
Baldwin Franklin
Crosby John R.
Cady Henry K.
Chamberlin Edward F.
Dodge Joseph A.
Drury Thomas J.
Dadman Sullivan
Dollivir Samuel B.
Dunn George M.
Eaton Samuel W.
Estabrook George W.
Estabrook E. A.
Faulkner Whitten
Fletcher Noah
Fisher Albert L
Fisher Geo W.
Fitch David S.
Forbush Silas A.
Goddard Perley
Greenwood Horatio C.
Gibbs Daniel A.
Gilliland J. Augustus
Hall Andrew J.
Hall Josiah L.
Johnson Uriah B.
Keith Moses A.
Kenrolton Samuel H.
Knight William P.
Mann Henry

McGarry Francis M.
Newton Barnabas
Newton Geo R
Putnam James S.
Pratt Charles L
Rice Ashley W.
Rugg Geo H.
Stockwell Leander
Sweetzer John A
Sinclair J. Eldridge
Sanister Henry L

Smith Lucius W
Stratton James B.
Taft Reuben
Whitney Silas
Warren Horace S.
Wheeler Edmund F.
Worcester Franklin
White Charles A.
Young Richard
Fahay Edward
Sheridan Nicholas
Leland Luther K.

The above is the list as corrected

Guide-boards are maintained at the following places within the town; viz; at the corner of the roads near Warren Block; near J. D. Whelen; near D. A. Whitney; near Edmund Fahays barn; near G. F. Saunders; near church in Farnumville; near A Mann & Sons store; near Jefferson Bellows; near the Farnumville depot; near the Charles McNamara place; near William Holbrooks; near H. F. Colby; near Saunders Block; near J. McClellans; at the corner of the roads northeast from L. L. Brigham; near Charles Daniels; near J. P. Crosby; at each of the corner northerly of the old cemetery; near R. Youngsbury; near Dennigamont House, N. E. Village; near Widow H. B. Fairbanks; near J. F. Saunders; near house on Town Farm; near meeting-house, N. E. Village; near J. W. Putnam; northerly of the house of J. E. Young; near Joseph Kimballs; at two places between the last named places; near E. S. Clarke; near R. Aldrich; near Henry Wesson; on the barn of D. W. Gray; near L. A. Leland; westerly of D. M. Dennis; near John O Keefe's; near W. A. Fiske; near Joseph Bruce; on the hotel, center; corner of road to E. E. Stone; corner west of Kettoille Pond corner east of Kettoille Pond

Respectfully submitted.

Horace Batchelor
Thos F. Briggs
Silas Whitney
A. D. Shattuck
Jere Robinson
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Grafton Feb 14, 1876.

A. Copy (with corrections July Sess)
Attest. A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.

Town of Grafton in account with Rufus L. Warren, Treasurer,

1875. Cr.

March	5.	By cash of B. Newton tax	1874	200.00
	11.	" " B. Newton tax	1874.	1800.00
April	12.	" " B. Newton tax	1874.	200.00
"	1.	" note at Fruit National Bank 6 mos		8000.00
May	1.	" Cash of B. Newton tax	1874.	300.00
	1	" note at Grafton Savings Bank 10 yrs 6 pr ct		5000.00
	3.	" cash David White license		50.00
	4.	" note at Fruit National Bank 4 mos		5000.00
	4.	" " Fruit National Bank 5 mos		3000.00
	10.	" " at Grafton Savings Bank 10 years 6 per cent		5000.00
	10.	" interest on note Fruit National Bank		97.50
	17.	" note at Fruit National Bank due Oct 4.		7000.00
	19.	" cash of B. Newton tax	1874	100.00
June	8.	" " " B. Newton "	1874.	300.00
	11.	" note at First National Bank		2000.00
	24.	" " Mutual Bk Redemption due Oct 10th @ 4% pr ct.		2000.00
July	1.	" cash of B. Newton tax	1874	100.00
	23.	" " B. Newton "	1875	500.00
Aug	7.	" " B. Newton "	1875.	300.00
	9.	" " A. A. Ballou "	1873.	300.00
	23.	" " B. Newton "	1874.	100.00
	23.	" " B. Newton "	1875.	300.00
Sept	7.	" " B. Newton "	1875.	400.00
	13.	" " A. A. Ballou "	1873.	200.00
	17.	" " B. Newton "	1875.	1000.00
	24	" " Silas Veritas for Old gate.		.50
	27.	" " B. Newton tax	1875.	2000.00
Oct	4.	" " B. Newton "	1875.	16000.00
	8.	" " B. Newton "	1875.	3600.00
	12.	" " B. Newton	1874.	100.00
	13.	" " B. Newton "	1875.	1000.00
	21.	" " B. Newton "	1875.	500.00
	30.	" note at Mutual Bk Redemption due Nov 14/17 @ 4 pr ct		4000.00
Nov	5.	" of B. Newton tax	1875.	1200.00
Oct	27.	" A A Ballou "	1873.	100.00
Nov	13.	" B. Newton "	1875.	300.00
	23.	" B. Newton "	1875.	300.00
Dec	2.	" Corporation		801.03
	2.	" State Treasurer State aid		904.00
	2.	" " " Nat Bank tax		480.77

1875. Dec	4.	By cash of	B Newton tax 1875	400.00
	15.	"	B. Newton " 1875.	300.00
	24.	"	B. Newton " 1875.	400.00
	24.	"	B. Newton " 1874	100.00
	31.	"	B. Newton " 1875	600.00
1876. Jan	1.	By note at Fruit Nat Bk 4 mos 6 per cent		5000.00
	3.	By cash of C.A. White rent of Town Hall		87.50
	4.	"	B. Newton tax 1875.	600.00
	4.	"	Selectmen liquor agent.	323.66
	8.	"	Insurance on Schoolhouse at N.E. Village	25.20
	10	"	B. Newton tax 1875	1500.00
	15.	"	B. Newton " 1875.	600.00
	19.	"	Chas A. Chase Co Treas- dog fund	346.32
	21.	"	B. Newton tax 1875.	300.00
	26.	"	State Treasurer School Fund	321.23
	27.	"	" " Corporation Tax	.62
Feb	3.	"	B. Newton tax 1875	1000.00
	5.	"	B. Newton " 1875	800.00
	11.	"	B. Newton " 1875.	600.00
	16.	"	D. W. Norcross tuition Shrewsbury Scholars,	8.00
	17.	"	A.A. Ballou tax 1873.	225.98
	18.	"	B. Newton " 1874	66.85
	18.	"	B. Newton 1st " 1874	222.47
	18.	"	G. F. Jourdan for old hose sold	52.32
	19	"	Harvey D. Perham for license	70.00
	19.	"	B. Newton tax 1875.	490.02
	19.	"	B. Newton int on Tax 1875	242.49
	19.	By note at Fruit National Bank 1 month		2000.00
	19.	" Int on note due May 1st		64.00
				$ 90.622.46

Dr.

March	3.	Paid cash due former Treasurer	$ 580.65
	3.	State aid to Elizabeth A. Whitmore half mo Feb	2.00
	3.	" " " Cordelia E. Rice 1 mo Feb	4.00
April	12.	Interest on note Fruit Nat Bank 5 mo 22 days	227.33
	12	Note Fruit National Bank	7000.00
	30.	" to E.M. Scandlin	1000.00
	30.	Interest on same	35.00
May	4	Note at Fruit Nat Bank	10000.00
	4	Interest on Note at Fruit Nat Bk $500.- 4 mo-	102.50
	4	" " " " " " 3000.- "	76.50
	10	Note at Fruit Nat Bank	5000.00
	10	Interest on same for 6 days	5.00
	18	Note Otis Norcross	5000.00

May	18.	Paid Interest on Same	175.00
	18.	Note W. W. Howlett	1874.84
	18.	Interest on Same	48.12
	17.	" at Fruit Nat Bk $7000.- due Oct 7.	163.33
June	11.	" on note at " " due Oct 3.	36.67
	24	" " " due " 10.	25.50
	27.	" " 5 per cent bonds Worcester Co. Sav'gs Bk.	125.00
July	1.	" " 5 " " " Otis Norcross	250.00
	1.	" " 6 " " " No 4, 5, 6, 8.	120.00
	1.	Rent of Town Hall of Jas Warren	250.00
	22	State Treasurer license	12.50
Oct	4.	Note at Fruit Nat Bank, Grafton	8000.00
	4.	" " " " " "	2000.00
	7.	" " " " " "	7000.00
	7.	" " " " " "	3000.00
	10.	" " Nat Bank Redemption	2000.00
	30.	Interest " " " " "	68.50
Nov	1.	Chas A. Chase one half county tax	1240.69
	1.	Insurance on Schoolhouse, Saundersville	76.00
	1.	Interest at Savings Bank	150.00
	9.	" on Note at Grafton Savings Bk	150.00
Dec	2.	State Treasurer State tax	3020.00
	2	" " Nat Bank "	1443.41
Jan	1.	No 8. 5 per cent bond at Worcester Co. Savings Bank	1000.00
	1.	Interest on Same	125.00
	1.	" of Otis Norcross	250.00
	1.	No 4. 6 per cent bond of W. Faulkner	1000.00
	1.	Interest on 6 per cent bond	120.00
	1.	Chas A. Chase balance county tax	1240.69
	1.	Estate Jas Warren, rent of Town Hall	250.00
	1.	Interest on note $5000. 4 mos at Fruit Nat Bk	102.50
		Insurance on Town Library	40.00
		Assessors Orders	90.61
		State aid 12 months	1106.50
		Note at Fruit Nat Bank	5000.00
		Interest on Note at Fruit Nat Bank $5000.- 1 mo	10.00
		Selectmens Orders	$ 19835.10
			$ 87.737.94
		Cash in Treasury	684.52
			$ 90,622.46

Amount received $ 90.622.46
Amount paid 87.737.94
Cash in Treasury 684.52.

Grafton Feb 17, 1876. Rufus L. Warren Treasurer

Collectors Report.

Barnabas Newton in account with the Town of Grafton —

Dr.

To amount of taxes for 1875. committed to me for collection as per Assessors Warrant — $37.119.71

To interest paid on taxes since Oct 1. 1875. 242.49 $37.362.20

Cr. —

By amount paid C. S. Wares Treas as per his receipts 34.632.57

By uncollected taxes as per list below 2729.67 $37.362.20

List of Uncollected Taxes for the Year 1875.

Bradley Geo H.	2.00	Laderatte Joseph	2.00
Bourcousa Leon	2.00	Chalmers George	2.00
Bradley Wm G.	21.76	Dunbar Edward	2.00
Bruce Joseph & Jas	96.35	Dorothy Mrs Felix	5.34
Balcom Lysander	2.00	Dolan Thos	2.00
Brady Patrick	2.00	Dolan Edward	2.00
Barry Edmund	2.00	Dwyer James B.	10.01
Batchiller Chas M	41.63	Davis Lowell H.	2.00
Batchiller Mrs Louis	5.34	Daniels Marcus	2.00
Barker Joseph W.	2.00	Drake Lucy	8.90
Baldwin Harris L.	2.00	Defo Augustus	2.00
Brandy Geo H.	85.75	Drew B. F.	2.00
Boyle Patrick H.	2.00	Dadman Sullivan	4.85
Burke Matthew	2.00	Dearing Stephen	2.00
Ballor Peter	2.00	Estabrook Est Washington	46.37
Brooks L. B.	55.40	Elliot F. M.	2.00
Bearnis J. H.	2.00	Eddy Chas B.	2.00
Blanchard M.	2.00	Fenton Freeman L.	2.00
Bartlett Parker F.	2.00	Farrington Wm H.	13.57
Bonn Joseph L.	5.57	Fleming Patrick	9.67
Brennan Hugh	2.00	Flannagan James	2.00
Bellam Thos	2.00	Fishlock Silas	2.00
Carroll Est Simon	77.48	Fuller H. L.	4.23
Carroll Francis	35.46	Gleason Edwin D.	18.02
Conlon Patrick	98.83	Galligan John	2.00
Clark Lorenzo P.	14.99	Gabree Thomas	2.00
Cady H. K.	21.22	Gabree Peter	2.00
Capen Edward	2.71	Gabree Frank	2.00
Corbin Monroe	2.00	Goodrich Frank	2.00
Callihan Michael	2.00	Green Chas E.	2.00
Corbin Samuel	15.58	Green J. M.	2.00
Cheney Edward	2.00	Gardner John H.	2.00

Greenough Levi	2.00	Hamilton R. K.	78.54
Grafton Mills	610.01	Murphy John	2.00
Grasso Charles	16.60	Metcalf Ed	2.00
Grosnell —	2.00	Minnie James B.	2.00
Gould Thomas	2.00	Marchiew Charles	2.00
Hackett David	2.00	Mazur Henry	2.00
Hale Samuel B.	15.80	Mazur Amand	2.00
Hickey Patrick	2.00	Maynard Moses	2.00
Hamein Richard	23.36	McCarty John	2.00
Haywood L. G.	2.00	Murphy Michael C.	2.00
Howe Charles	2.00	McClure John	2.00
Hannigton C. P.	2.00	Manahan Patrick	2.00
Howe Henry A.	2.00	Manahan Maurice	2.00
Hall Chas E.	2.00	Murray John	2.00
Holson George	2.00	Money Daniel	2.00
Howes Charles	2.00	Moore Chas M.	2.00
Howard Charles	2.00	Mace Samuel	2.00
Harlow F. L.	2.00	Marchiew Dennis	2.00
Howes John	2.00	Nichols Caleb	2.00
Jefferson Napoleon	2.00	Nourse C. D.	4.23
Julian Peter	2.00	Norcross E. A.	10.70
Julian Peter Jr	2.00	Nixon James	2.00
Julian Levi	2.00	Odlum John	2.00
Jarvis Albert	2.00	Odlum Richard Jr.	2.00
Jarvis Peter	2.00	Owens Lucius	2.00
Kelly Matthew	2.00	Odenburg Geo F.	2.18
Keefe Thomas	62.25	Pogue Joseph	62.26
Ludy Timothy	2.00	Pennington Chas A.	2.00
Lewis Michael	2.00	Prout James	2.00
Lamaby Joseph	2.00	Pratt Richard K	2.00
Lee Melcena	2.80	Prentice Henry Sam'l	.89
Lynch John	2.00	Penn Frank	2.00
Laduke Isaac	2.00	Penn Adam	2.00
Lemery Felix	2.00	Penn Joseph	2.00
Lamb Alanson	2.00	Picture Levi	2.62
Laduke Joseph	2.00	Pellican Antone	2.00
Macauley Patrick	2.00	Plude Sarah	2.00
McCarty Felix	2.00	Plympton Anna L.	2.00
Marble Edward F.	3.78	Patterson Henry	6.01
Macomber Frank	2.00	Peckham Henry	2.00
Morelle Frank	2.00	Parent Jerry	2.00
May William	2.00	Parent Fred	2.00
McAvoy Owen	2.00	Quinn John	2.00

Rourke Patrick	$ 2.00
Riley Wm	2.00
Rix Wm	2.00
Ready John	2.00
Roach Wm	2.00
Rumney James	2.00
Roode Rufus A.	2.00
Roode Ephraim J.	19.18
Rice Arthur	2.00
Revia Joseph	2.00
Shields Chas M.	2.00
Staples C. P.	4.67
Searle J. F.	46.50
Sweetser John A.	107.20
Straw Levi H.	260.10
Sprague Geo A.	2.00
Smith A. M.	2.00
Sweet Peter	2.35
Sweet Peter Jr.	2.00
Sterling Freeman	2.45
Snow Chas D.	2.35
Sibley James N.	2.00
Smith Peter	2.00
Tracey Mark	2.00
Thorpe Thomas	2.00
Trial Wm A.	2.00
Union Cyril	2.00
Undel Alanson	2.00
Wheeler Wm S.	2.00
Whitehead A. R.	4.14
Ward Caleb	2.00
Wilcox Augustus	2.00
Wesson Chas S.	11.04
Wheelock L. S.	16.57
Wheelock Est Penn	72.98
Wilson Levi	2.00
Ward F. M.	12.24
Wright Wm F.	2.00
Wright Oscar	2.00
Wilmoth Thos	4.67
Whittaker Edwin	2.00
Wilson John	3.00
Young S. P.	134.61
Young Samuel	2.00
	$ 2581.94

Non-Residents.

Congdon Samuel G.	$ 15.13
Connell David	56.96
Crowne Geo O.	3.56
Geary Willis	2.53
Howe Wm Jr.	7.12
Hunt Maria O.	4.45
Hanley James	16.91
Holbrook Lewis	21.36
Leary John	3.56
Robinson Harriet E.	8.46
Sadler E. B.	.89
Snow Peter	3.56
Wood Est Abial T.	3.56.
	$ 2.729.69

Barnabas Newton, Collector.

Grafton Feb 17. 1876.

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Town Clerk

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

Inventory Feb 11. 1876.

12. Cows	600.00	1 Two Horse Wagon	80.00
1 Heifer	30.00	All other Farming Tools	130.00
2 Horses	250.00	60 bushels Oats	36.00
32. Fowls	24.00	167 " Corn	167.00
1 Ton Straw	10.00	4 " Beans	8.00
15½ " Long Hay	270.00	2 " Rye	2.00
9 " Meadow "	72.00	70 " Carrots	30.00
1 " Stover	8.00	210 " Potatoes	100.00
1 Ox Wagon	80.00	Other Vegetables	8.00
1 Sleigh	10.00	75 lbs Pork	9.00
2 Ox Carts	75.00	5 Shotes	50.00
1 Horse Wagon	35.00	Wood on hand	259.00
1 Express "	50.00	Groceries on hand	21.00
1 Horse Sled	15.00	Household Furniture	400.00
2 Ox "	30.00	Sawlogs & Poles	63.00
3. Saddles & Bridles	15.00	Lumber	75.00
Ox Yokes and Bag Chains	20.00	Dues for Milk and other items	110.60
1 Cultivator & Harrow	8.00		$3281.60
1 Shares "	16.00		
2. Horse Rakes	35.00		
1. Grindstone	5.00		
4 Ploughs	15.00		
1 Mowing Machine	75.00		
3. Harness.	35.00		

Receipts.

Cash on hand, Feb 13. 1875.	$132.67	For Lumber	17.66
From Town of Randolph	21.01	Hay	60.20
" " Northboro	17.30	Grain	97.97
" Debts due	71.18	Straw	21.22
For Milk	525.24	Potatoes & other Vegetables	37.85
Calves	97.95	Use of Team	4.00
Pork and Pigs	64.99	Work for Sundry Items	4.95
Beef	271.56	From Treasurer	1947.65
Wood	103.84		$3485.56

Expenses Away from Farm.

For	Ebew Gates	$ 6.97
	Rufus Davenport	9.33
	Dolly Fairbanks	14.79
	Henry Peckham	10.05
	C. Martin	2.35
	Henry Prentice	10.00
	Town of Hubbardston for W. M. Bynn	17.43
	H. Day and family	40.11
	A Resnick	3.00
	Clover F. Dyett and family	75.53
	Caroline Harrington	6.00
	Margarett Fill	172.20
	Towns of Milford Upton Holliston and Hopkinton for Frank F. Coburn	98.85
	State L Hospital for Wm P. Hayward	41.50
	Town of Phillipston Eunice Adams	10.00
	For Josephine Blanchard	65.20
	Wm Tucker	4.00
	Mary Dolan.	17.00
	Town of Shrewsbury for L Whitlock.	36.00
	City of Boston Alice A. Thornton	10.12
	" " Worcester. John Martin	14.14
	For Julius Rice	10.00
	" Lewis B. Pratt	4.38
	" George Madigan	21.00
	" Hannah Coulter	21.00
	State L. Hospital for Lewis Whitney	93.62
	" " " Edward Wilson	84.41
	" " " Felix Doherty	28.50
	Town of Northbridge Edward Wilson	6.50
	" " Mrs J. W. Adams	5.00
	City of Chelsea Geo E. Flagg	34.60
	For Sylvester Banks	11.00
	Roger Congdon	17.75
	Dennis Sheran	35.79
	Felix Doherty	8.00
	Mary West	11.19
	Mrs John Aldrich	6.00
	Joseph H. Grant	27.10
	Jasper Robinson	7.00
	John Kane	5.00

Joseph Willard	8.00
Joseph Wood and wife	57.00
James Curtis	8.00
Putting up tramps at Saundersville	3.00
" " " in lockup	6.55
Sending State Paupers to Tewksbury	7.90
Printing Notice and blanks	3.87
Travelling expenses in pauper cases.	26.40
Postage and Stationery	14.00
	$ 1216.13

Paid at Farm.

Paid	John Kelly, amount due him April 1, 1875.	$ 434.59
	J. A. Fuller on acct of Salary due " 1, 1876.	125.63
	For other Labor	153.22
	" Meal and grinding grain	140.34
	Blacksmith and Wheelwright	37.85
	Horse Collar and repairing harness	9.90
	Medical attendance	16.50
	Groceries and Meat	777.48
	Grass seed and fertilizers	30.41
	Repairs on Pumps	4.50
	Farming tools	32.47
	Seed grain and seed potatoes	36.42
	For Stock	317.50
	Dry goods, clothing and household goods	78.37
	Use two horse wagon	30.00
	Carrying milk to Worcester	30.25
	Services of Overseers	110.00
Amount	paid at farm	2269.43
	" " away from farm	1216.13 $ 3485.56

Whole number of tramps put up at the almshouse, 616; and 110 have had meals without lodging. Whole number of persons at the almshouse at the present time, 10. Whole number of weeks board 678. There will be due J. A. Fuller on the 1st of April $274.37; and to Alfred Jewett, for labor $167.—

James S. Putnam, Perley Goddard, Amos S. Getchell } Overseers of the Poor.

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A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

Report of Road Commissioners.

The Road Commissioners of Grafton submit the following Report for the year ending March 6. 1876;—

Repairs of Roads and Bridges.

Paid	Rufus E. Warren's bill	$ 196.31	Rufus E. Warren	277.82
	H. Batchelor for Dirt	20.82	L. H. Bigelow	208.37
	L. H. Bigelow	192.00	H. Batchelor	130.27
	H. Batchelor	46.35	Rufus E. Warren	376.02
	Rufus E. Warren	122.35	L. H. Bigelow	100.00
	Rufus E. Warren	300.32	H. Batchelor	52.53
	Silas E. Stowe	207.23	L. H. Bigelow	19.10
	H. Batchelor	18.65	Rufus E. Warren	6.63
	L. H. Bigelow	83.53		
				$ 2378.30

Additions The above is the cost of the new bridge near E. Packard's shop - $ 75.76
Repairs on other bridges 25.00
$ 100.76

Snow Bills.

Paid	L. H. Bigelow			$ 53.85
	H. Batchelor			15.20
	Rufus E. Warren for D. Spencer			99.37
	L. H. Goulding			50.00
	Silas Vinton			56.50
	T. Worcester $ 8.60 -	Silas Vinton $ 4.00		12.60
	David L. Fiske			35.90
	Silas E. Stowe			34.66
	A. W. Rice $ 20.10	D. W. Gray & Son $ 6.00		26.10
	John McClellan $ 3.00	L. R. Aldell $ 1.00		4.00
	Joseph Adams $ 12.45	P. Conlin $ 17.40		29.85
	P. Donahue $ 1.00	Bradford Adams $ 3.22		4.22
	R. Crow $ 1.30	Wm H. Brown $ 1.50		2.80
				$ 425.07

New Road.

Paid	W. H. Brown	249.00
	A. H. Allen	5.00
	For Railing	5.00
		$ 259.00

Total expenditures on Highways, Bridges, New Road and Snow Bills $ 3062.37
Received on Selectmen's Orders — $ 3062.37

The new road is not completed as the Commissioners intended it to be. After constructing it as first surveyed, it was found that the grade was too steep; but the frost prevented any alterations being made last fall.

Respectfully Submitted

Rufus S. Warren
Lewis H. Bigelow
Horace Batchelor
} Road Commissioners.

Grafton Feb 17, 1876.

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L. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Chief Engineer's Report.

Town of Grafton in account with Aaron Elliot, Chief Engineer,
For Expenditures for the Fire Department for the year ending Feb 17, 1876.

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By cash received of Town Treasurer: $1175.29

Dr.

Rescue Engine No 1.

Paid for services of two men for the years ending May 1, 1875.	$20.00	
for care of engine and apparatus	20.00	
J. F. Searles bill	.80	
For repairs on engine and house:—		
William Jeffers bill	130.06	
L. A. Staples "	75.00	
Geo E. Wetherbee "	4.00	
L. S. Felton "	5.50	
Reuben Taft "	24.55	
Noah Fletcher "	7.32	
Thomas Aldrich "	8.70	
N. E. Newton "	1.75	
Prov & Worc R R Co for transportation	18.20	
John B. White " "	7.00	
Harrington & Nichols bill for Sundries	4.85	
Aaron Elliott's bill of Expenses to Pawtucket	3.75	
" " " for Rubber Boots	10.74	
S. E. Stone's bill for Wood	2.75	$344.97

Emperor Engine Company No 2.

Paid services of 47 men for the year ending May 1, 1875.	$350.83	
Care of engine and apparatus	20.00	
Aaron Elliott bill for repairs	5.30	
S. B. Allen bill of sundries	1.45	
W. F. Parker bill of Sundries	.28	$407.86

Blackstone Engine Company No 3.

Paid services of 48 men for the year ending May 1, 1875.	384.96	
Care of engine and apparatus	20.00	404.96

Hook and Ladder Truck

Paid George E. McSmith bill of repairs	11.50	
Reuben Taft " "	6.00	17.50
Amount of cash received		$1175.29
Amount of cash paid		$1175.29

Aaron Elliott, Chief Engineer.

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Town Clerk.

Report of Committee on the Common.

Town of Grafton in account with Committee on Common.

Dr.

1875.			
May 12.	Raking leaves and Stones	5.25	
17.	Paid for carting Soil &c	3.50	
18.	Removing maple tree and Stump	7.50	
June	Mowing grass	5.00	
	Weeding and grading walks	13.50	
	2 loads of gravel and spreading	2.00	
Nov 22.	Carting and Spreading manure	5.00	
1876. Feb 17.	Cash on hand	1.94	$43.69

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1876. Feb 17.	Balance in hands of Committee Feb 17, 1875.	$43.69
1876. Feb 17.	Balance down,	1.94

For the Committee.

D. W. Norcross.

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Town Clerk.

Report of Trustees of Riverside Cemetery

Town of Grafton in account with Trustees of Riverside Cemetery —

Dr.

1875.				
June 28.	Paid E. Saunders for work on cemetery		$ 10.00	
Nov 13.	Jas Gleason for Plank		1.75	
Feb 17.	Reuben Taft for work on cemetery		34.37	
	Balance		250.07	$ 296.21
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1875. Feb 16.	By cash on hand		195.28	
1876.	for lots sold		93.93	
Feb 17.	interest		7.00	$ 296.21
Feb 17.	Balance cash on hand			$ 250.07

For the Trustees.

Leo K. Nichols. Treasurer.

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A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

Report of Trustees of Pine Grove Cemetery

Town of Grafton in account with Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery — Dr.

1875. June 16.	Paid for cutting trees	$ 10.00	
Sept 24.	" " labor on New Avenue	13.50	
Oct 7.	" F. Baldwin labor and expenses on grounds.	37.00	
Nov 13.	" A. G. Getchell for labor	3.50	
13.	for cutting grass	5.00	
Dec 14.	for labor grading	5.81	$ 76.81
1876 Feb 17.	Balance, cash on hand		11.00
			$ 87.81

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1875. April 27.	By cash on hand	57.81	
May 10.	" for one lot	10.00	
June 14	" for one lot	5.00	
Nov 13.	" for sand	20.00	$ 87.81
1876. Feb 14.	Balance, cash on hand		$ 11.00

For the Trustees.

A. G. Getchell, Treasurer.

Grafton Feb 17. 1876 —

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A. A. Ballou Town Clerk

Book Agents Report.

Town of Grafton in account with J. F. Searle —

Dr.

To cash paid for books -	$ 578.14	
cash paid agents salary -	59.71	
Sept - books and grants to pors	81.69	
Books on hand Feb 17. 1876.	242.08	$ 961.62

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By books on hand Feb 12. 1876.	221.14	
cash on hand " 12. 1876	35.71	
cash recvd of Town	50.00	
amount of books sold	622.92	929.77
Balance due agent.		31.85
		$ 961.62

J. F. Searle Agent.

A copy attest

L. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Report of Liquor Agent.

For the year ending May 1st. 1875.

Amount of liquor on hand at last report,	$ 186.86	
Amount of cash on hand at last report,	209.86	$ 396.72
Amount of liquor sold from Feb 1. to May 1. 1875.	101.25	
By amount sold J. Burbank to close out stock	62.55	$ 163.80
By amount of cash on hand,		373.66
" " due agent for salary for 3 months		50.00
balance due Town		$ 323.66

J. F. Searle Agent

A copy Attest -

L. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Registrar's Report.

Number of births registered for the year:—

Males,	33.	
Females,	35.	68.
Average of previous ten years 102.9		
Number of American parentage	22.	
" " foreign "	46.	68.

Number of marriages 31.

Average of previous ten years	42.5	
Number of persons of American birth	37.	
" " " foreign "	27.	
Age of oldest person married	57.	
" youngest " "	17.	
Average age	25.	

Number of Deaths:

Males,	35.	
Females,	30.	65
Average of previous ten years	60.6.	
Number of American birth	57.	
" foreign "	8.	65.
Number of deaths under five years	17.	
" " over seventy years	13.	
Average age at death	37.	
Number of deaths by consumption	11.	
" " disease of heart	7.	
" " fever	5.	
" " paralysis	4.	

Number of dogs registered:—

Males—	190.	
Females—	10.	200.

A. A. Ballou Registrar.

Grafton Feb 15. 1876.

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A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

— For Reports of Trustees Public Library and School Committee, see printed Reports on file —

Report of the Committee on Report of Overseers and management of Almshouse.

The following vote, constituting a committee of enquiry was passed at the annual meeting of the Town March 6th 1876.
Voted - "That a Committee be appointed to investigate the Report of the Overseers of the Poor, to ascertain the cost per week of keeping the town's poor pro rata; and to investigate the charges made in the Worcester Press against the Overseers of the Poor."

That Committee would respectfully report -
After a thorough, painstaking and lengthy examination, after several sessions of somewhat complicated work it is found that the financial accounts have been kept in a generally correct but not systematic manner.
The Annual Report was taken up item by item, compared with the account books of the Board of Overseers and of the agent, vouchers for monies paid and goods sold were examined.

Inventory - This part of the enquiry shows that in the judgment of the Committee, the Inventory account of property at the farm is appraised considerably above its market value.

The estimates for obtaining the cost per week of keeping the town's poor are two.

I. Dividing the total cost of running the farm for the year or $2269.43 by the total number of weeks board for paupers for the same time - or 384 weeks, and the weekly expenses per capita is $5.91

II. To the total cost add interest upon investment in farm property $11171.00 at 6% - or $670.26 and the weekly expense per capita is $7.66.

That is, without reckoning any interest upon invested capital, it costs the town to keep each pauper per week nearly six dollars.
If interest be allowed upon invested capital it costs per week to keep each pauper seven and two thirds dollars.
The second item in the vote respects charges made against the management of affairs at the Almshouse. In this connection your Committee desire to say that every facility has been given to affirm or refute these charges, two distinct meetings having been convened for this especial purpose. At these meetings witnesses were heard, questioned and cross questioned, by those

bringing this charges, the Overseers and the Committee.
That it has been the aim of the Committee to admit only that, which, by careful examination appears to have been founded upon fact; consequently current reports or hear-say statements have been admitted only as confirmatory and that only when well authenticated.

a/. It is charged that the room appropriated to the lodging of Tramps was found so scantily furnished with bedding and beds, so poorly warmed, so exposed to the weather that in cold winter nights the occupants would be in positive danger of freezing.

b/. It is also charged that the agent has frequently reported these facts to the Board, but has been told that they knew not how to incur extra expense for the tramps room, because the town required them to retrench on their outlays.

We find that the charge against both the quantity and condition of bedding are substantiated; that the room without question needs repairing, and with a comparatively small outlay could be put in a comfortable condition for lodging. Still the character, condition and habits of tramps are frequently such as to make it neither advisable or possible to give them as cleanly and comfortable lodgings as are provided for the regular inmates.

We find that these facts were brought to the attention of the Board, one of whom proposed some improvements in the room but hesitated to make them on the ground that the town expected them to economize as much as possible.

We also found in this connection that the Overseers had given such discretionary powers to the agent that they looked to him for the proper carrying on of the establishment; and that he had not made a request for more bedding for the tramps room.

The agent who preceded the present one testified that while he was in charge the tramps room was warmed enough in winter, the room being warmed by a chimney running through it, & put up a stove in this room has not been considered safe; that the clothing was ample enough for ordinary winter weather, and that he had never heard any complaint from the tramps themselves upon this matter.

Another and very serious charge is that male and female tramps were lodged in the same room, and that this has been the custom for years.

Under this are specifications.

Item 1. It is charged that a little over a year ago a woman without any one purporting to be her husband or protector, was put into the tramps room together with a number of men for the night.

This must have occurred then when the agent preceding the present one was in charge of the house. But that agent distinctly affirms he never recalls having done or ordered such a thing to be done; while an inmate of the house who takes charge of the tramps and shows them to their room, confirms the agents testimony in this particular. The evidence therefore, is against sustaining this specific charge, and the charge is not made good.

Item 2. It is charged that two women and one man were put in the tramps room together for the night, that they slept together, and that no steps were taken by the agent to separate them.

The facts called out by the evidence are briefly these. Three persons came in company to the house, toward evening and were admitted to stay over night; one of the women was the mans wife, the other was her sister. Later in the evening some male tramps asked for lodgings and were put into the common room with the other three; the sister then made the change from the bed originally given her to that occupied by her sister and husband.

The charge in the second specification is substantiated.

It is also charged that this indiscriminate lodging of tramps was the uniform custom, and that even by the express orders of the Board of Overseers.

That part of this charge involving the Overseers action is based mainly upon an affirmation drawn up for and signed by a former matron of the Poor House, in which it is affirmed that she had express orders from the Overseers to lodge male and female tramps together; this witness also testified that she had never carried out the order further than to put man and wife in the room with other men. This was eleven years ago and every member of that Board is dead. No subsequent Board, by any special order, however recorded that order; and the present Board do not appear to have known till recently that even man and wife lodged together with other male tramps.

The testimony of the regular inmates upon this point

was that man and wife only were lodged in the tramps room together with other men, but that single women were lodged in other parts of the house. The agent confirms this evidence.

Touching this same general charge based upon the testimony of citizens that the agent told them that he was accustomed to lodge men and women tramps together, a careful analysis and comparison of the evidence shows it to be in harmony with the foregoing conclusion, and that it is not susceptible of any other theory of promiscuous lodging.

We do find then, that it has been the custom to lodge man and wife in the same room with other male tramps, but not unless in the case already cited, and it may be one other, to permit single women to be put in the tramps room with men for the night.

Another charge preferred against the Overseers is that of inhuman treatment of one of the regular paupers by compelling him to sleep with a transient lodger who was alive with vermin, and still later with a dangerous lunatic.

The testimony in this case was for substance as follows—

a/ The transient lodger belonged to another town, and being feeble applied to one of the Overseers to stay a short time at the Poor House, while on his way to his own town. It was not known by the Overseer when the request was granted that he was in so filthy a state; he was not permitted to sleep with the regular inmate the second night, but was provided with lodging in the tramps room till he could be forwarded to his own town.

b/ The Lunatic was received from the Hospital at Worcester by special request of the Superintendent, who said he would be better off at the poor house than at the Hospital; and that he was not a dangerous subject. He is afflicted with fits, and had one while sleeping with the pauper referred to. As soon as this was known he was otherwise provided for, and for a while was furnished watchers.

That part of the charge which makes him to occupy the sitting rooms of the inmates during the day, to the terror of the other and particularly the more aged and infirm paupers fails of being confirmed.

The general charge of heartless treatment of this unfortunate man states that he was ordered by one of the overseers to go into the woods in the winter, while scantily clothed, and assist in hauling logs. The evidence showed that the chairman of the Board, who received him from the asylum, gave explicit orders when the man was brought to the Poor Farm that he should not be put to work.
Shortly after this the chairman received a letter from the man's mother requesting, as a favor to her son, that he might be put to some light work, for it would be better for him than to be wholly unoccupied upon this he was asked to do light chores, and was not ordered to help in the heavy work of loading saw-logs, but was asked if he could help load wood.
The charge then of inhumane treatment of this unfortunate person is not made good.
A still further charge of inhumanity is urged against the Board in that they allowed aged and feeble paupers to suffer for want of fire in their sleeping rooms, and sufficient clothing for their beds. The Committee cannot admit that this charge has been substantiated; for it appears by the public testimony from some of the paupers themselves, as well as from personal questioning of them at the Almshouse, that they wanted neither for fire, food or clothing, but they distinctly stated they had sufficient of each.
The failure to have needed repairs made upon the stove pipes which warmed the bed rooms of some of the more infirm inmates was not from any refusal of the Board to sanction such repairs, but they were left as the details of the house generally, to the good judgment of the agent. A former agent now in charge of the Statick poor house, in testifying upon the general care of our poor, said. "While I was there ie at Grafton, the poor were as well cared for as in any other town in Mass, that I know of."
The general charge of want of proper care for the feebler paupers has not been made good.
One other instance of rigorous treatment of the aged and infirm paupers is adduced, it is charged their tea and sugar were taken from them.
For about a week tea was not allowed upon the table at noons, then it was restored and the inmates had tea

at each of their daily meals. Sugar was removed about the same time, but through some misunderstanding between the Overseers and the Agent it was not put back with the tea, leaving the inmates without its use for about six months. The board testified that these removals of tea and sugar were made on account of the frequent pressure brought to bear upon them to retrench, and because complaints were made of using sugar too freely. The special orders they gave in the premises they could not remember.

Charge 5. It is charged that members of the Board have purchased hay and straw from the Poor Farm without weighing; and that one of the Overseers had taken boards for which the Agent had been offered sixteen dollars per thousand and picking out the best had rendered the rest unsaleable.

One of the Overseers admitted having purchased a load of refuse hay and bean poles, which the Agent and himself decided weighed about ten hundred weight, for which he paid five dollars; that he did this with the sanction of the board and that it was not an infrequent custom with the Agent to sell the poorer grades of hay without weighing.

The purchase and selection of the lumber was is also admitted, but not that the selection was so made as to render the rest of the lot unsaleable.

The offer of sixteen dollars per thousand was made the Agent by one whom the town owed, but he did not close the bargain as he subsequently found better and cheaper boards in Worcester where he resides.

Charge 6. In respect to the general failure to make the investment in the farm a repaying one, notwithstanding the good qualities of the farm itself, the charge is doubtless a true one; but a rented farm seldom receives the care that is given to one owned by him who works it. And yet in spite of these facts, in the one item of sale of stock from the farm we find that more than one half the amount due for groceries and meats was paid from that source.

In summing up a report which from the nature of the investigation itself, and the charges preferred, must of necessity be somewhat lengthy; aware that the right to investigate does not give the right to recommend necessarily; yet trusting to the gratification of usage in a degree, as well to the courtesy of their fellow-townsmen, your committee would give in a few words some conclusions to which this examination has led.

Conclusions— I. The amount invested in the farm and the difficulty of securing its highest productive returns are such that the present cannot but be a costly method of keeping our poor.

II. Nothing in the enquiry has come up to impugn the integrity of the either the Overseer or the Agent in their several accounts with the town; yet the manner of keeping these accounts appears to lack clearness and system.

III. Had the Agent been more specific and unfortunate perhaps, in informing the Overseers of the condition of the Almshouse, there would have been less ground for some of the charges preferred against its internal management. Yet

IV. Ignorance of any details in such management is not a justification of the Board for its continuance; their responsibilities being such as to render a careful oversight even to details an official if not a personal necessity. The obligation is especially enforced in the light of the charges made against the case of tramps.

V. The present accommodations for this class are not sufficient, and should be so planned that men and women can be lodged in separate rooms.

VI. There are results from this investigation that furnish an impressive admonition against an indiscriminate and closely calculating retrenchment in managing our town interests; and there are some results from this investigation that are an earnest protest against instituting charges involving the character of public officials as well the good name of the citizens of the town at large, by first giving currency to them through the public papers; and particularly when the worse class of facts charged are testified to have been known for years to many of our fellow-citizens, without a proper effort having been once made to bring the mismanagement up for the consideration and action of the town itself.

Respectfully submitted

Jno. H. Wheeler
D. Webster Simons
J. H. McKenzie
Silas L. Stowe
J. B. White
} Committee.

A copy— Attest A. L. Bacon Town Clerk.

Constable Bond.

Know all men by these presents;

That I, D. W. Norcross as principal and Jonathan D. Wheler as surety, both of Grafton county of Worcester – and Otis Norcross of Boston county of Suffolk also as surety, are holden and stand firmly bound and obligid unto the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton in the full and just sum of Three Thousand dollars to be paid unto said inhabitants of the town of Grafton their successors or assigns, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, dated this eighth day of March in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and seventy six.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said D.W. Norcross has been duly chosen one of the Constables of said town of Grafton for the year ensuing, and has accepted said office –

Now if the said D.W. Norcross as such Constable shall during the term for which he is elected to said office, faithfully perform the duties of Constable in the service of all civil process which may be committed to him, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise shall remain in full force.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of –
Henry F. Hunig
Laura Norcross to all

D. Webster Norcross L.S.
Jon[a] D. Wheler L.S.
Otis Norcross L.S.

A copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Approved March 13th 1876.

Geo F. Slocomb
S Davis Hall
E.H. Hamilton
L. S. Davis
} Selectmen Grafton.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Grafton, in the county of Worcester — Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of April 1876 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st — To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2d — To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon.

Art 3d To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow Five Thousand Dollars of the Grafton Savings Bank for ten years at six per cent interest, or act thereon.

Art 4th To see what action the town will take in regard to digging wells or furnishing water to the schools in the Merriam, Farms and Farnumsville districts or act thereon.

Art. 5th To see what action the town will take in regard to the enforcement of the liquor law, or act thereon.

Art 6th To see if the town will vote to have a Centennial Celebration July 4th 1876. or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and seventy six

G. F. Bloomb. L. S. Davis
S. Davis Hall. S. H. Knowlton
} Selectmen of Grafton

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in the center of Grafton, New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton April 3d 1876.

A copy - Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall at three o'clock in the afternoon, April 3d 1876. and the following proceedings were had —
The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.
Took up Art 1st and chose S. Davis Hall moderator by ballot, the check list being used.
Voted to take a recess of one hour or less.
After recess took up Art 2d — and on motion of W. Faulkner voted — that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town.

Took up Art 3d and on motion of W. Faulkner voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow Five Thousand Dollars of the Grafton Savings Bank for ten years, with interest at 6% per cent per annum, payable semi-annually.

On motion of A. J. Bates voted to pass over Art 4th.

Voted to pass over Art 5th.
Took up Art 6th and on motion of Geo K. Nichols voted to take measures to celebrate July 4th —
On motion W. E. Rice voted that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair as committee on celebration.
The chair appointed for that committee, Geo K. Nichols, W. E. Rice, D. M. Fisher, S. S. Stowe, D. W. Norcross, J. W. Windsor and G. F. Saunders. Voted to accept the same.
Voted to dissolve the meeting.
A true record - Attest.

A. A. Ballou Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Bond.

Know all men by these presents, that we Rufus E. Warren of Grafton in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal, and Silas E. Stowe and James W. McKenzie of said Grafton as sureties are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney in the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Rufus E. Warren has been chosen Treasurer of said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same;—

Now if the said Rufus E. Warren shall as Treasurer as aforesaid faithfully account for and pay over all monies by him received and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue.

Executed in presence of
Aubrey J. Wall - for Warren & Stowe
Geo A. McKenzie for

Rufus E. Warren L. S.
Silas E. Stowe L. S.
J.W. McKenzie L. S.

Approved and accepted April 5th 1876.

L. S. Davis
Clerk of Board Selectmen

A copy
Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Grafton held April 5th 1876. upon the petition of numerous citizens of the town, it was ordered that - Ball Playing in the Streets and Public Highways throughout the town be prohibited and that the Constables of the town be requested to see that the above order is strictly enforced and that the Town Clerk be directed to cause notices of the above to be printed and posted in the different parts of the town.

A copy of record -

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the town of Grafton held April 5th 1876. the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year.

For Engineers -

J. H. McKenzie
Henry Mann
Silas E. Stowe
James Gleason
M. R. Knowe
John H. Bigelow
Asaph Elliott
L. H. Bigelow
S. H. Reynolds
Geo H. Fisher
C. C. Willis
E. Fowler

For Sealer of Weights and Measures - Barnabas Newton

Pound Keeper - Benj Kingsbury

Measurers of Wood and Bark -

David Fisher
A. J. Hall
Geo K. Nichols
Elbridge Potter
E. O. Lindley
E. Fowler
C. C. Willis
Henry Campbell

Sworn April 19th 1876.
" " 19th 1876.
Sworn May 19th 1876.

Weighers of Hay, Coal &c

David Hammerton
Geo K. Nichols
G. C. Taft
E. Fowler
C. C. Willis
Elbridge Potter
E. O. Lindley
Henry Campbell

Sworn April 19, 1876.
" " 19, 1876.
" May 19, 1876.

Measurer of Upper Leather

J. A. Dodge -
E. L. Allen -

Constables -

A. G. Getchell sworn April 15th 1876.

Attest A. A. Ballou Town Clerk.

Grafton Monday May 1st 1876.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held Monday evening May 1st - full board present, the following offices were appointed for the remainder of the year.

Special Weighers of Hay, Coal, Cotton &c

Geo H. Coville
H. H. Smith.

Constable.

Chas A. White

Engineer.

Solon F. Smith vice Henry Moore declined.

License No 1.

In accordance with the provisions of section second of an act passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts at its session in the year Eighteen Hundred and Seventy five - entitled - "An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors" a License of the fourth class provided for under the seventh section of said act is hereby granted by the Selectmen of the town of Grafton in the county of Worcester, to David White of said Grafton to sell liquors of any kind not to be drunk on the premises, and to continue in force until the first day of May A.D. 1877. unless sooner forfeited or rendered void.

Said business to be carried on in the apothecary store of said David White in Warren's Block so called, and standing on the northerly side of the common in the central part of said Grafton. Said license is granted subject to the following conditions - viz.

First - That the provisions in regard to the nature of the license and the building in which the business may be carried on under it, shall be strictly adhered to.

Second - That no sale of spiritous or intoxicating liquors shall be made between the hours of twelve at night and six in the morning, nor during any part of the Lord's day, except upon the prescription of a physician.

Third - That no liquor except such as is of good standard quality and free from adulteration shall be kept or sold on the premises described in this license.

Fourth - That no sale or delivery of liquor shall be made on the premises described in this license to a person known to be a drunkard or to an intoxicated person or to a minor.

Fifth - That there shall be no disorder, indecency, prostitution, lewdness or illegal gaming on the premises described in this license or on any premises connected therewith by any interior communication.

Sixth - That this license or a copy thereof, certified by the Town Clerk of the town of Grafton, shall be displayed on the premises in a conspicuous position where it can be easily read.

Seventh - This license shall be subject to a forfiture for a breach of any of its conditions, and in case the licensee is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of having violated any of such conditions, this license shall thereupon become void.

Dated at Grafton this first day of May A. D. 1876.

George F. Slocumb
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Commissioners of the Board of Selectmen of Grafton.

A. Copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

David White's Bond -

Know all men by these presents - that we David White of Grafton county of Worcester as principal - and John B. White of said Grafton, as surety; are held and firmly bound unto the treasurer of the said town of Grafton in the sum of one thousand dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our legal representatives.
Signed with our seals This first day of May A.D 1876.
The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden David White has this day been licensed by License No 1. by the Selectmen of the town of Grafton, county of Worcester; now if the said David White shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of that act under which said license is issued and also shall pay all damages which shall be recovered from him under and pursuant to the provisions of said act. then this bond to be void, otherwise of full force in the law.

Executed in presence of Chas A. White

David White S. S.
John B. White S. S.

A copy
Attest.
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton August 7th 1876.

At a ~~Special~~ meeting of the Selectmen held this day - William S. Wood was appointed a Special Police and Keeper of the Lockups - his term of office to expire April 1st 1877 - Sworn Aug 10th 1876. by A. A. Ballou. Town Clerk -

Collectors Bond

Know all men by these presents – That we Charles A. White of Grafton, county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal, and David White and John B. White both of said Grafton, as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to the said town of Grafton or its certain attorney, in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors and Administrators by firmly by these presents –

Sealed with our seals and dated this nineteenth day of June A.D. 1876 –

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Charles A. White has been chosen Collector of Taxes for said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office, and has been duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of that office, now if the said Charles A. White shall as Collector aforesaid, shall faithfully collect, account for and pay over all the taxes which he shall be legally required to collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
Edwin A. Howe

Charles A. White S.S.
David White S.S.
John B. White S.S.

Grafton July 15th

Approved and accepted.

G. F. Slocomb
S. A. Remington
L. S. Davis
K. S. Warren
S. Davis Hall

Selectmen
of
Grafton.

A true copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the constables in the town of Grafton in the county of Worcester — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester and for a Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester, for a Representative to represent the Ninth Congressional District of Massachusetts in the Forty Fifth Congress of the United States, for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States and for a Representative to represent the Third Worcester County District in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

The vote for all the above officers will be received open and unfolded on one ballot or in sealed envelopes, or separate ballots as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the officer voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at ten o'clock A.M. and may be closed at twelve o'clock M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof, at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in Saxo England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to our selves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six —

(over next page)

George F. Slocomb
Lewis S. Davis
S. A. Newcomb
H. S. Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss:

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office at the center of Grafton, New England Village Farnumville and Sandurville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

Grafton Nov 7th 1876.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton

A Copy Attest

L. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at their Town Hall on Tuesday November 7th A.D. 1876 at nine o'clock in the forenoon; and at ten o'clock George F. Slocomb Chairman of the Board of Selectmen called the meeting to order and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk and the Polls were declared to be open.

On motion of Rufus E. Warren voted that the Polls be closed at three o'clock P.M.

Then proceeded to ballot for the several candidates named in the warrant — And at three o'clock in the afternoon no objection being made the Polls were closed.

The votes having been assorted, counted and recorded were declared as follows, ——

For Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

At Large -

Whole number of votes Five hundred sixty eight	568.
Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Three hundred seventy two	372.
Stephen Salisbury of Worcester had three hundred seventy two	372.
William Gaston of Boston had one hundred ninety six	196.
Edward Avery of Braintree had one hundred ninety six	196.

District Electors.

District #1. Whole number of votes. Five hundred and sixty eight —		568.
Warren Sadd of New Bedford had Three hundred seventy two	372.	
James D. Thompson of New Bedford had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #2. Theodore Dean of Taunton had Three hundred seventy two	372.	
Samuel N. Dyer Jr of So. Abington had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #3. J Felt Osgood of Barlow had Three hundred seventy two	372.	
George R. Baldwin of Barlow had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #4. Martin Brimmer of Barlow had Three hundred seventy two	372	
Charles Levi Woodbury of Barlow had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #5. Samuel C. Lawrence of Medford had Three hundred seventy two	372	
Alpha S. Thompson of Woburn had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #6. George W. Merrill of Amesbury had Three hundred seventy two	372.	
James T. Smiley of Haverhill had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #7. Carroll D. Wright of Reading had Three hundred seventy two	372	
James C. Abbot of Lowell had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #8. James Russell Lowell of Cambridge had Three hundred seventy two	372	
Edwin A. Alger of Cambridge had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #9. John C. Whiting of Northbridge had Three hundred seventy two	372.	
Eli Thayer of Worcester had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #10. W. B. C. Pearsons of Holyoke had Three hundred seventy two	372	
Timothy S. Nelson of Fitchburg had One hundred ninety six	196.	
" #11. Richard Goodman of Lenox had Three hundred seventy two	372.	
Zebra Quackenbush of Pittsfield had One hundred ninety six	196.	

Whole number votes for Governor Five hundred sixty eight —		568.
Alexander H. Rice of Barlow had Three hundred sixty four	364.	
Charles Francis Adams of Quincy had Two hundred two	202.	
John D. Baker of Beverly had Five	5.	

Whole number votes for Lieutenant Governor Five hundred sixty nine		569.
Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton had Three hundred sixty eight	368.	
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had One hundred ninety eight	198.	
David C. Eddy of Barlow had Three	3.	

Whole number votes for Secretary of State Five hundred and sixty nine — 569.
Henry B. Peirce of Abington had Three hundred sixty eight 368
Weston Howland of Fairhaven had One hundred ninety eight 198.
David B. Gurney of South Abington had Three 3.

Whole number votes for Treasurer and Receiver General Five hundred sixty nine 569.
Charles Endicott of Canton had Three hundred sixty nine 369
David A. Gillings of Winchester had Two hundred 200.

Whole number of votes for Auditor Five hundred sixty nine 569.
Julius L. Clarke of Newton had Three hundred seventy 370.
John E. Fitzgerald of Boston had One hundred ninety eight 196.
Jonathan H. Crue of Marblehead had Three 3.

Whole number of votes for Attorney General Five hundred sixty nine 569.
Charles R. Train of Boston had Three hundred sixty six 366.
Richard Olney of Boston had One hundred ninety nine 199.
Orin T. Gray of Hyde Park had Four 4.

Whole number votes for Councillor Second District Five hundred sixty nine 569.
Harrison Tweed of Taunton had Three hundred sixty eight 368.
Williams Aspinwall of Brookline had One hundred ninety eight 198.
Ezra S. Tenant of Randolph had Three 3.

Whole number votes for Representative in 46th Congress from 7th District Five hundred seventy two — 572.
William H. Rice of Worcester had Three hundred seventy four 374.
George F. Verry of Worcester had One hundred ninety eight 198.

Whole number of votes for County Commissioner Five hundred sixty nine 569.
Henry S. Rice of Barre had Three hundred seventy two 372.
George R. Spurr of Worcester had One hundred ninety seven 197.

Whole number of votes for Clerks of the Courts, Worcester Co. Five hundred sixty nine 569.
John A. Dana of Worcester had Three hundred sixty nine 369.
J. Henry Hill of Worcester had Two hundred 200.

Whole number of votes for Register of Deeds Five hundred seventy three 573.
Harvey B. Wilder of Worcester had Three hundred thirty five 335.
Irving B. Sayles of Millbury had One hundred ninety eight 198.
Charles A. Chase of Worcester had Forty 40.

Whole number votes for County Treasurer Five hundred sixty nine — 569.
Edward A. Brown of Fitchburg had Three hundred seventy 370
Emory L. Harwood of Oxford had One hundred ninety nine 199.

Whole number of votes for Senator 2nd Worcester District Five hundred sixty nine — 569.
Aaron C. Mayhew of Milford had Three hundred sixty eight 368.
Alvin Hall of Douglas had One hundred ninety eight 198.
L. A. Perry of Milford had Three 3.

Whole number votes for Representatives 3rd Worcester District Five hundred sixty eight 568.
Henry B. Osgood of Northbridge had Three hundred sixty nine — 369.
Peter M. Taft of Northbridge had One hundred ninety nine 199.

The Returns of the foregoing votes having been made out and sealed in open Town meeting the meeting was dissolved.

Attest —

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 8th 1876 —

The Town Clerks of Northbridge and Grafton met at the Town Hall Grafton at twelve o'clock noon this day and found upon examination of their certificate that the votes for Representative in District number Three comprised of the towns of Grafton and Northbridge, — to General Court was as follows —

Henry B. Osgood had { in Grafton Three hundred sixty nine votes 369,
in Northbridge Three hundred forty five votes 345.
Total — 714

Peter M. Taft had { in Grafton One hundred ninety nine votes 199.
in Northbridge Two hundred and fifty votes 250
Total — 449 — 449

Osgood's majority — 265.

Attest —

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Town Warrant —

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables in the town of Shrafton in the county of Worcester — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Shrafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Shrafton, on Monday the fifth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles to wit;

Art 1. To chuse a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2. To chuse all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3. To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art 4. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Footways and Bridges, the ensuing year.

Art 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defrey Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art 6. To see what discount the town will make to those persons who voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector; and act thereon.

Art 7. To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 8. To see what compensation the town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art 9. To see if the town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art 10. To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year

Art 11. To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the center of the town to be rung at 12 o'clock M. and at 9 o'clock PM or act thereon.

Art 12 - To see if the town will accept the bounds of the road near the Watervill School House as established by the Road Commissioners or act thereon.

Art 13 - To see if the town will vote to pay Dennis Farwell ten dollars per annum for maintaining a watering trough near his barn, for the public, and act thereon.

Art 14. - To see if the town will revoke the first Section of Chapter 108 of the Laws approved April 10th 1871. in relation to Road Commissioners which was accepted by the Town, or act thereon, as petitioned for by James S. Putnam and others.

Art 15 - To see if the town will abolish the Board of Road Commissioners - or act thereon - as petitioned for by James S. Putnam and others.

Art 16 - To see if the town will abate the uncollected taxes for the years 1873 and 1874 or act thereon.

Art 17. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy seven -

G. F. Slocomb
L. L. Davis
L. H. Knowlton
A. S. Warren
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Grafton and at the Post Office in New England Village Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.
Grafton Feb 24 1877 - D. Webster Sherman Constable of Grafton -

A copy Attest - A. F. Bellen Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall in said town on Monday March 5th 1877 at nine o'clock A.M.

The Clerk called the meeting to order and read the Warrant. Took up Art 1st and chose by ballot, S. D. Hall Moderator, who on taking the chair called on the Rev A. C. Hussey to offer prayer.

On motion of Mr. McElwee voted to pass over Art 2d and take up Art 3d -

Voted to accept the Selectmens Report as printed
Voted to accept the Treasurers Report as printed
Voted to accept the Collectors Report as printed
Voted to accept the Overseers Poor Report as printed (Explanation by F. B. Sibley)
Voted to accept the Road Commissions Report as printed
Voted to accept the Chief Engineers Report as printed
Voted to accept the Trustees Riverside Cemetery Report as printed
Voted to accept the Trustees Pine Grove Cemetery Report as printed
Voted to accept the Book Agents Report as printed
Voted to accept the Registrars Report as printed
Voted to accept the Trustees of Library Report as printed
Voted to accept the School Committees Report as printed

Took up Art 2d and voted Hall by ballot for the several Town Officers on one ballot as per printed ballots viz -
Clerk - five Selectmen - Treasurer - Three Assessors - three Overseers of the Poor - One School Committee - One Trustee Riverside Cemetery - One Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery - One Common Committee - Six Constables.
Voted to close the Polls at one o'clock P.M.

At one o'clock P.M. the votes being all in the Polls were closed and the votes were assorted counted and declared by the Moderator to be as follows;

For Town Clerk.
D. R. Newton had One hundred and nineteen votes - 119.
A. A. Batten had Two hundred and twenty three votes - 223.
and was elected and duly sworn by the Moderator.

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For Selectmen –

J. B. Stratton	had one vote	1
John B. White	had one vote	1
J. W. McKenzie	had one vote	1
L. S. Davis	had Six votes	6
W. T. Barker	had Seventy two votes	72
Richard Young	had Eighty one votes	81.
A. S. Hampton	had Ninety Seven votes	97.
Oscar Stratton	had One hundred and three votes	103.
D. L. Fisk	had One hundred and Sixty one votes	161.
G. W. Fisher	had Two Hundred and Fourteen votes	214.
J. K. Axtell	had Two Hundred and Thirty Seven votes	237.
L. W. Dodge	had Three Hundred and Thirty Six votes	336.
S. K. Knowlton	had Three Hundred Thirty Seven votes	337.

and D. L. Fisk, G. W. Fisher, J K Axtell, L. W. Dodge and S. K. Knowlton were elected.

S. K. Knowlton, J K Axtell and G.W. Fisher were duly sworn by the Moderator. D. L Fisk sworn by Town Clerk March 12th 1877.

For Treasurer.

Rufus E. Warren had Three Hundred and forty two votes – 342 and was elected.

For Assessors –

John B. White	had one vote	1
J. B. Sibley	had four votes	4
Barnabas Newton	had Three hundred and twenty six votes	326.
Ashley W. Rice	had Three Hundred and thirty nine votes	339.
Gilbert C. Taft	had Three Hundred and forty three votes	343.

and Barnabas Newton, Ashley W. Rice and Gilbert C. Taft were elected. (A W. Rice sworn March 6th by Town Clerk) (Barnabas Newton sworn by Town Clerk Mar 27th)

For Overseers of Poor.

Patrick Sullivan	had one vote	1
C. C. Willis	had Three votes	3.
S. E. Lamb	had Seventy Seven votes	77.
L. A. Bigelow	had Seventy Eight votes	78
James S. Putnam	had Seventy Seven votes	77.
Wm Holbrook	had Two Hundred and forty Seven votes	247.
Erastus Adams	had Two Hundred and fifty One votes	251.
Jon[a] B. Sibley	had Two Hundred and fifty Seven votes	257.

and Jon[a] B. Sibley, Erastus Adams and Wm Holbrook were elected and duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

For School Committee for 3 years.

D. W. Norcross had Three Hundred and twenty two votes 322.
and was elected -

For Trustee for Riverside Cemetery for 5 years

T. T. Briggs had Three Hundred and thirty three votes - 333.
and was elected.

For Trustee for Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years

L. A. Bigelow had Ninety five votes 95.
S. H. Knowlton had Two Hundred and forty six votes 246.
and S. H. Knowlton was elected.

For Common Committee.

C. Pennimen	had one vote	1
D. W. Norcross	had one votes	1
G. F. Slocomb	had Three Hundred and thirty four votes	334.

and G. F. Slocomb was elected.

For Constables.

F. A. Hall	had One vote	1.
Robert Scott	had Seventy five votes	75.
James Gleason	had Eighty One votes	81.
M. M. Goodnow	had Two Hundred and fifty Six votes	256.
J. B. Sibley (Duly Sworn by Town Clerk Mar 8th. Sworn by Moderator)	had Two Hundred and Sixty five votes	265
D. W. Norcross	had Three Hundred and twenty four votes	324.
S. L. Coomb (Duly sworn by Town Clerk Mar 14th)	had Three Hundred and thirty One votes	331.
Ezekiel Fowler	had Three Hundred and thirty five votes	335.
S. D. Hall (Duly sworn by Town Clerk Mar 10th)	had Three Hundred and thirty five votes	335.

and M. M. Goodnow - J. B. Sibley - D. W. Norcross - S. L. Coomb - Ezekiel Fowler and S. D. Hall were elected.

Voted to pass over Art 4. and take up Art 5.
On motion of Geo F. Slocomb voted to raise Twenty two Thousand Dollars - $22,000.- to defray town charges the ensuing year.

J. H. Allen moved to appropriate Forty five Hundred Dollars - $4500.- for Common Schools.
Mr. Burton moved an amendment making the appropriation for Common Schools Six Thousand Dollars $6000.-
The amendment was carried and the appropriation for Common Schools was made Six Thousand Dollars, - $6000.-

On motion of Mr. Burton voted to appropriate Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty and 48/100 Dollars — $2560.48 — for High and Grammar Schools.

On motion of Mr. Elliot voted to appropriate Thirteen Hundred Dollars — $1300. — for Fire Department.

On motion of Mr. W. Stevens voted to appropriate Five Hundred Dollars — $500. — for Rent Town Hall

On motion Mr. Bradish voted to appropriate Two Thousand Dollars — $2000. — for Highways.

On motion of Mr. Wing voted to appropriate Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars — $250. — and the Dog Tax, for Town Library

On motion of R. E. Warren voted to appropriate Two Hundred Dollars — $200. — for Street Lights.

On motion of J. K. Axtell voted to appropriate One Hundred Dollars — $100. — for Memorial Day.

On motion of Mr. Wing voted to appropriate the balance of amount raised for Miscellaneous Expenses.

Took up Art 6th and voted that there be no descount allowed on Taxes the ensuing year.
And that all Poll Taxes be collected on demand and that all Taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next; and that all Taxes remaining unpaid after that day be subject to an additional of one per centum per month until paid, and all legal costs for collecting.
The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the time he receives his Tax bills; and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next.
On motion of Mr Mann voted to put the collecting of Taxes up at auction which was done, and Barnabas Newton being the lowest bidder they were struck off to him at four and half mills (4½) on the dollar.

Took up Art 2d and by ballot chose Barnabas Newton Collector. (Sworn by Town Clerk March 29th)

L. W. Dodge having been notified of his election as one of the Selectmen for the ensuing year, declined to ~~accept~~ served — And on motion of Alden Bigelow voted to proceed to ballot for Selectmen in place of L. W. Dodge declined —

For Selectman.

Oscar Stratton	had One vote	1.
Geo R. Newton	had One vote	1.
Geo M. Dunn	had One vote	1.
H. S. Warren	had One vote	1
A. S. Hemphton	had Six votes	6.
Richard Long	had Thirty three votes	33.
Alden M. Bigelow	had One Hundred and twenty three votes	123.

and Alden M. Bigelow was elected and duly sworn by by the Moderator.

Took up Art 7th and voted to allow the Sexton the same compensation, for burying the dead, as last year — viz — four dollars ($4.00) for each burial.

Took up Art 8th and voted to allow each of the Firemen ten dollars — $10.— — per annum for their services —

Took up Art 9th and on motion voted to excuse Wm S. Place from serving on the Jury and substituted the name of Wm H. Polster in his place.

On motion of L. F. Allen voted to leave the ~~Justice's~~ drawing of the Jury List in the hands of the Selectmen.

Took up Art 10th and on motion of Mr. Rice voted to have the High School kept in the center of the town the ensuing year.

Took up Art 11th and voted that the matter of ringing one of the Church bells in the center of the town at 12 o'clock M. and 9 o'clock P.M. be left with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 12th and voted to accept of the bounds of the town road near the Waterville School House as established by the Road Commissioners.

Took up Art 13th and voted to pay Dennis Farwell Ten Dollars — $10.— per annum for maintaining a watering trough, near his barn, for the public,

Voted to pass over Arts 14 & 15.—

Took up Art 16th and voted that the uncollected Taxes for the years 1873 and 1874 be left with the Selectmen for their disposal.

Took up Art 17. And voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money — under the direction of the Selectmen — to meet the wants of the town.

Took up Art 18th and voted to pay D. L. Fisk for bill of labor on highways in the year 1876, amounting to One Hundred Fourteen and 6/100 Dollars — $114.06

On motion of Wm. Slocomb voted to appropriate Fifty Dollars — $50.— for the Common.

Took up Art 19th and chose E. H. Leland, S. H. Knowlton John McKeen, Wm Richardson, Wm Hudson, Arthur Pigeon and E. A. Elliot, Field Drivers
Messrs Leland, Knowlton and McKeen were duly sworn by the Moderator.

Voted to choose a Road Commissioner for three years,

A. C. Richardson	had one vote	1
E. M. Knapp	had one vote	1
E. Wheeler	had one vote	1
A. Elliot	had four votes	4
A. M. Goulding	had Thirty seven votes	37.

and A. M. Goulding was chosen Road Commissioner,
Sworn by Town Clerk March 10th

Voted that all remaining Town Officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

On motion of A. M. Faulkner voted – That all books connected with the town business be kept in the town safe and that the town Clerks office be kept open and in proper condition for the use of citizens and officials of the town during business hours – and that the town business be done there as far as possible.

Voted that the Selectmen be the committee to audit all town accounts.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at one o'clock P.M. — Adjourned

A true record – Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton April 2nd 1877.

Adjourned Meeting – Met according to adjournment.
Meeting called to order by S. D. Hall – Moderator.
Took up Art 14 – And voted to revoke the first Section of Chapter 158. of the Law approved April 1st 1871. in relation to Road Commissioners which was accepted by the town.

Took up Art 15 — And voted to abolish the Board of Road Commissioners.

Leb Elliot moved that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint one man in each School District to take charge of the Roads.
S. S. Stowe moved an amendment to the effect that the care of the roads be left wholly with the Selectmen.
The amendment was carried and the vote was that the roads should be in the charge of the Selectmen.

On motion of W. Faulkner voted that all town officers and committee shall be paid such sums for their services as is provided by Statute Law, and no more.

Voted to dissolve the meeting – Dissolved

A true record – Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton March 19th 1877.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Grafton held this day the following appointments were made.

For Sealer of Weights & Measures — Saml L. Leland sworn April 26th

Pound Keeper — John W. Pigslow.

Measures of Wood & Bark — David Fisher.
A. J. Hall
Geo K. Nichols
Selbridge Potter
L. O. Smiley sworn by Town clerk
L. Fowler
L. L. Willis
L. K. Leland

Weighers of Hay, Coal &c — Saml Harrington
Geo K. Nichols
G. L. Taft
L. Fowler
L. L. Willis
L. O. Smiley sworn by Town Clerk
Henry Campbell

L. K. Leland
A. H. Smith
Geo W. Coville

Measurer of Upper Leather — Henry Mann.

Attest.

L. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton April 2nd 1877.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Grafton held this day the following appointments were made.

For Constables — S. B. Allen — Chas A. White
A G Getchell — Chas Jennings. sworn Apr. 24th 77

Field Driver — Franklin Worcester.

Attest

L. A. Ballou — Town Clerk

Grafton April 9th 1877.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Grafton held this day the following appointments were made for Board of Engineers —

J. W. McKenzie	Aaron Elliot
S. F. Smith	S. H. Bigelow
Silas L. Stowe	S. H. Hemenway
James Gleason	Geo W. Fisher
M. R. Howe	C. C. Willis
John H. Bigelow	E. Fowler

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Grafton April 28th 1877

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Grafton held this day the following appointments were made

J. K. Axtell Town Clerk Pro tempsmore

Alden M Bigelow engineer in place of J W McKenzie declined serving.

Surveyor of Lumber Reuben Taft

Fence Viewers J. B. Sibley
A. W. Rice
John McClellan

Lock up Keeper James Gleason.

Attest

J. K. Axtell
Town Clerk Pro Tem

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Worcester ss April 30th 1877

Then personally appeared Gilbert L. Taft and made oath that he being chosen an Assessor for the town of Grafton for the current year would impartially according to his best skill and judgment assess, and apportion all taxes as he is during that time directed to assess and that he would faithfully discharge all other duties of said office

Before me Rufus E Warren
Justice of the Peace.

A true copy
Attest

J K Axtell
Town Clerk
Pro. Tem.

License No /

In accordance with the provisions of section second of an act passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts at its session in the year eighteen hundred and seventy five intitled An Act to regulate the Sale of intoxicating liquors a License of the fourth class provided for under the seventh section of said act is hereby granted by the Selectmen of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester to David White of said Grafton to sell liquors of any kind not to be drunk on the premises and to continue in full force until the first day of May A D 1878 unless sooner forfeited or rendered void Said business to be carried on in the apothecary Store of said David White in Warren Block so called and standing on the northerly side of the common in the center of said town. Said License is granted subject to the following conditions viz

First That the provisions in regard to the nature of the License and the building on which it the business may be carried on under it, shall be strictly adhered to.

Second. That no sale of entoxicating Liquors shall be made between the hours of twelve at night and Six in the morning, nor during any part of the Lord's day except upon the prescription of a physician.

Third That no liquor except such as is of good standard quality, and free from adulterative shall be kept or sold in the premises described in the license.

Fourth That no sale or delivery of liquor shall be made in the premises described in the license to a person known to be a drinkard, or to an intoxicated person, or to a minor.

Fifth That there shall be no disorder, indecency, prostitution, lewdness or illegal gaming in the premises described in the license, or in any premises connected therewith by any interior communication.

Sixth That the license or a copy thereof, certified by the Clerk of the City or town by which it was issued, shall be displayed in the premises in a conspicuous position, where it can easily be read.

Seventh That this license shall be subject to a forfeiture as herein provided, for breach of any of its conditions; and that in case the Licensee is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of having violated any of such conditions, his license thereupon becomes void.

Dated at Grafton this twenty first day of May A D 1874

Alden M Bigelow } Chairman of the
J K Axtell } Board Selectmen
Town Clerk

A copy
Attest

J K Axtell
Town Clerk Pro Tem

David White's Bond

Know all Men by these Presents.
That we David Whde of the town of Grafton and County of Worcester as principal, and John B White of said town and county as surety are held and firmly bound into the Treasurer of the town of Grafton in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, and our legal representatives. Signed with our seals this Twenty first day of May A D 1877. The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden David White has this day been licensed by License No 1. by the Board of Selectmen of said town of Grafton in said County of Worcester, now if said David White shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of the Act under which said license is issued, and also shall pay all damages which shall be recovered from him under and pursuant to the provisions of said Act then this bond to be void otherwise of full force in the law

Executed in presence of
Chas A White

David White L S
John B White L S

A copy Attest
J K Attell
Town Clerk
Pro Tem

License No 2

In accordance with the provisions of section second of an Act passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts at its session in the year eighteen hundred and seventy five entitled An Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating Liquors a License of the Fourth Class provided for under the seventh section of said Act is hereby granted by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester to S B. Allen of said Grafton to sell liquors of any kind not to be drunk in the premises and to continue in full force until the first day of May A D 1878 unless sooner forfeited or rendered void, said business to be carried on in the apothecary store of said S B Allen in Post Office Block N. E. V. so called and standing on the easterly side of the road in said N. E. V in said Town of Grafton said License is granted subject to the following conditions viz

First That the provisions in regard to the nature of the license, and the building in which the business may be carried on under it shall be strictly adhered to.

Second That no sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquor shall be made between the hours of twelve at night and six in the morning nor during any part of the Lords day, except upon the prescription of a physician

Third That no liquor except such as is of good standard quality and free from adulteration shall be kept or sold on the premises described in the license.

Fourth That no sale or delivery of liquor shall be made on the premises described in the license to a person known to be a drunkard, or to an intoxicated person or to a minor.

Fifth That there shall be no disorder, indecency prostitution, lewdness or illegal gaming on the premises described in the license, or on any premises connected therewith by any interior communication.

Sixth That the license, or a copy thereof, certified by the Clerk of the City or town by which it is issued, shall be displayed on the premisis, in a conspicuous position where it can easily be read.

Seventh It shall be further expressed in each license that it shall be subject to a forfeiture as herein provided, for breach of any of its conditions; and that in case the licensee is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of having violated any of such conditions, his license shall thereupon become void

Dated at Grafton this twenty first day of May A D 1877

Alden W Bigelow) Chairman Board
) Selectmen
J K Attell) Town Clerk Pro Tem

A Copy Attest

J K Attell
Town Clerk Pro Tem,

S B Allen Bond

Know all men by these Presents, That we S B Allen of the town of Grafton and County of Worcester as principal and S H. Knowlton and A M. Goulding both of said town and county, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the town of Grafton in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our legal representatives.

Signed with this our seals this twenty first day of May A.D. 1877 The conditions of this obligations is such that whereas the above bounden S B. Allen has this day been licensed by License No 2 by the Board of Selectmen of said town of Grafton in said county of Worcester, now if the said S B Allen shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of the Act under which said license is issued and also shall pay all damages which shall be recovered from him under and pursuant to the

provisions of said Act then this bond to be void, otherwise of full force in the law

S B Allen L S
S H. Knowlton L S
A M Goulding L S.

A Copy
Attest
J K Axtell
Town Clerk Pro Tem.

License No 3

In accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed at its session in the year eighteen hundred and seventy five entitled an Act to regulate the sale of intoxicating Liquors a license of the First class is hereby granted by the Selectmen of the town of Grafton in the county of Worcester to George H Bundy of said Grafton to sell liquor of any kind to be drunk on the premises and to continue in full force untill the first day of May A D 1878 unless sooner forfeited or rendered void. Said business to be carried on in the Grafton Hotel so called and standing on the easterly side of the common near the centre of said Grafton said License is granted subject to the following conditions viz that the person above named, or licensee shall in all respects fulfill and conform to all the requirements of Chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875 and that in case of any breach of either of said requirments, this License shall become null and void

First That the provisions in regard to the nature of the License, and the building in which the business may be carried on under it, shall be strictly adhered to

Second That no sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquors shall be made between the hours of twelve at night and six in the morning, nor during any part of the Lords day, except that if the licensee is also licensed as an innholder, he may supply such liquor to guests who have resorted to his house for food or lodging

Third That no liquor except such as is of good standard quality and free from adulteration shall be kept or sold on the premises described in the license

Fourth That no sale or delivery of liquor shall be made on the premises described in the license to a person known to be a drunkard, or to an intoxicated person or to a minor.

Fifth That there shall be no disorder, indecency, prostitution lewdness or illigal gaming on the premises described in the license or on any premises connected therewith by any interior communication.

Sixth That the license or a copy thereof, certified by the Clerk of the City or town, by which it was issued shall be displayed on the premises, in a conspicuous position, where it can easily be read

Seventh It shall be further expressed in each license that it shall be subject to forfeiture as herein provided, for breach of any of its conditions: and that in case the licensee is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of having violated any of such conditions, his license shall thereupon become void.

Dated at Grafton this twenty first day of May A D 1877

Alden M Bigelow } Chairman of the Board Selectmen

J K Axtell } Town Clerk Pro Tem

A Copy attest

J K Axtell
Town Clerk Pro Tem.

George H Bundy Bond

Know all men by these Presents
That we G H. Bunday of the town of Grafton and County of Worcester as principal, and John L Baker and Arthur M Bigelow both of said town and county as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the town of Grafton in the sum of One Thousand Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our legal representatives.
Signed with our seals this thirteenth day of May A.D. 1877

The conditions of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden G H Bundy has been this day licensed by License N° 3 by the Board of Selectmen of said town of Grafton in said County of Worcester, now if the said G H. Bunday shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of the Act under which said license is issued, and shall pay all damages which shall be recovered from him under and pursuant to the provisions of said Act, then this bond to be void, otherwise of full force under the law

G.H. Bunday L S
John L Baker L S
Arthur M Bigelow L S

A Copy Attest
J K Axtell
Town Clerk
Pro Tem

Collectors Bond

Know all men by these presents that we Barnabas Newton of Grafton in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Samuel G Flagg and Horace S Warren of said Grafton as sureties are holden and firmly bound to said Town of Grafton or its certain Attorney in the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs executors and Administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Barnabas Newton has been Chosen Collector of taxes for said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same. Now if the said Barnabas Newton shall as Collector aforesaid faithfully Collect account for and pay over all the taxes which he shall be legally required to Collect and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then this obligation shall be void otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of
S H Knowlton

Barnabas Newton L S
Samuel G Flagg L S
Horace S Warren L S.

A Copy Attest
J K Axtell
Town Clerk
Pro Tem.

License No 4

In accordance with an act of the Legislature of Massachusetts passed at its session in the year eighteenhundred and seventy five entitled an Act for regulate the sale of intoxicating Liquors a License of the First Class is hereby granted by the Selectmen of the town of Grafton in the county of Worcester to John Minehan of said town of Grafton to sell liquors of any kind to be drunk on the premises and to continue in full force until the First day of May A D 1878 unless sooner forfeited or rendered void said business to be carried on in said John Minehans Saloon so called and standing on the main road leading from Saundersville to Millbrookville on the south side of said road near the line between said town of Grafton and the town Sutton both being in the County of Worcester said license is granted subject to the following conditions viz that the person above mentioned or licensed shall in all respects fulfill and conform to all the requirements of Chap 99 of the Acts of 1875 and that in case of any breach of either of said requirement this License shall become null and void

First That the provisions in regard to the nature of the license, and the building in which the business may be carried on under it, shall be strictly adhered to.

Second That no sale of spirituous or intoxicating liquor shall be made between the hours of twelve at night and six in the morning nor during any part of the Lords day, except that if the licensee is also licensed as an innholder he may supply such liquor to guests who have resorted to his house for food or lodging.

Third That no liquor except such as is of good standard quality and free from adulteration shall be kept or sold on the premises described in the license

Fourth That no sale or delivery of liquor shall be made on the premises described in the license to a person known to be a drunkard, or to an intoxicated person or to a minor.

Fifth That there shall be no disorder, indecency prostitution, lewdness, or illegal gaming on the premises described in the license, or on any premises connected therewith by any interior communication

Sixth That the license, or a copy thereof, certified by the Clerk of the city or town by which it was issued shall be displayed on the premises in a conspicuous position where it can easily be read

Seventh It shall be further expressed in each license that it shall be subject to a forfeiture as herein provided for any breach of any of its conditions; and that in case the licensee is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of having violated any of such conditions, his license shall thereupon become void.

Dated at Grafton this Sixth day of June 1877

A copy
Attest
J K Axtell
Town Clerk
Pro Tem

Alden W Bigelow } Chairman
J K Axtell } Selectmen
J K Axtell Town Clerk Pro Tem

John Minehan's Bond

Know all men by these Presents
That we John Minehan of the town of Grafton and the county of Worcester as principal and Sullivan Newton and George W Dodge both of Sutton in said county as sureties, are held and firmly bound into the Treasurer of the Town of Grafton in the sum of One Thousand Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our legal representatives.
Signed with our seals this sixth day of June A D 1877

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden John Minehan has this day been licensed by License No 4 by the Board of Selectmen of said town of Grafton in said county of Worcester, now if said John Minehan shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of the Act under which said license is issued and also shall pay all damages which shall

be recovered from him under and pursuant to the provisions of said Act then this bond to be void otherwise of full force in the law

Executed in presence of
I B Hartwell
Wm D Cutler

John Moncham L.S.
Sullivan Newton L.S.
George W Dodge L.S.

Class 1st
License $100

A Copy
Attest
J K. Artell
Town Clerk Pro Tem.

J K. Artell
Town Clerk Pro Tem

First Class Licence No 5. — 1877-78.

To sell intoxicating liquors to be drunk on the premises.

This is to certify that the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton have granted a Licence to E. N. Darling doing business at New England Village Hotel in said Grafton, to sell or expose, or keep for sale until May 1st 1878. Spirituous or Intoxicating Liquors to be drunk on the premises.

This Licence is granted and accepted upon the express condition that the person or persons above licensed shall in all respects fulfill and conform to, all the requirements of Chapter 99, of the Acts of 1875; and that in case of any breach of either of said requirements this Licence shall become null and void.

In testimony whereof the undersigned have hereunto affixed their official signatures this fourth day of July A.D. 1877.

Alden M. Pgelow, Chairman of Selectmen
A. A. Ballou — Town Clerk

A true copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou, Town Clerk.

Extracts from section 6 of chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875.
(copied from licence certificate)

Section 6. Each license shall be expressed to be subject to the following conditions: —

First — That the provisions in regard to the nature of the License, and the building in which the business may be carried on under it, shall be strictly adhered to.

Second — That no sale of Spirituous or intoxicating liquor shall be made between the hours of twelve at night and six in the morning, nor during any part of the Lords day, except that if the licensee is also licensed as an innholder he may supply such liquor to guests who have resorted to his house for food or lodging.

Third — That no liquor except such as is of good standard quality and free from adulteration shall be kept or sold on the premises described in this license.

Fourth – That no sales or delivery of liquor shall be made on the premises described in this license to a person known to be a drunkard, or to an intoxicated person or to a minor –

Fifth – That there shall be no disorder, indecency, prostitution, lewdness or illegal gaming on the premises described in the license or on any premises connected therewith by any interior communication.

And each license of the first second and third classes shall be subject to the further condition that the license shall not keep a public bar, and shall hold a license as an innholder or common victualer.

Sixth – That the license or a copy thereof, certified by the clerk of the city or town by which it was issued, shall be displayed on the premises, in a conspicuous position where it can be easily read.

A true copy from foregoing License –

Attest –

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

L. A. Darling's Bond.

Know all men by these presents— That we L. A. Darling of the town of Grafton and county of Worcester as principal, and L. M. Knapp and Wm Shirry both of said town and county as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the town of Grafton in the sum of One Thousand Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our legal representatives.
Signed with our seals this 11th day of June A.D. 1877.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden L. A. Darling has this day been licensed by License No 5. by the board of Selectmen of said town of Grafton in said County of Worcester, now if the said L. A. Darling shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of the Act under which said license is issued, and also shall pay all damages which shall be recovered from him under and pursuant to the provisions of said Act then this bond to be void, otherwise of full force in the law.)

Executed in presence of
G. B. Brooks
H. O. Crosby

L. A. Darling L.S.
L. M. Knapp L.S.
Wm Shirry L.S.

Approved 1877.

Town Clerk

Class 1st — License $100.—

A true copy

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton August 2nd 1877.

The Ballots cast by the voters of Grafton at the last Presidential and State election, Nov 1876 — and which were sealed according to law on the day of election, were this day, without being opened, destroyed by me by burning —

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

First Class License No 6. 1877–78.

To sell intoxicating Liquors to be drunk on the premises.

This is to certify that the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton have granted a license to E. R. Bartlett doing business at Hotel in Farnumsville in said Grafton to sell or expose or keep for sale until May 1st 1878. - Spirituous or intoxicating Liquors to be drunk on the premises.

This License is granted and accepted upon the express condition that the person or persons above licensed shall in all respects fulfill and conform to all the requirements of Chapter 99. of the Acts of 1875, and that in case of any breach of either of said requirements, this License shall become null and void.

In testimony whereof the undersigned have hereunto affixed their official signatures this second day of October A.D. 1877.

Alden M Bigelow - Chairman of Selectmen.
A. A. Ballou - Town Clerk.

A Copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

E. R. Bartlett's Bond.

Know all men by these presents that we E. R. Bartlett of the town of Grafton and county of Worcester as principal, and L. H. Nichols and W. B. Cook both of said town and county as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the town of Grafton in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, and our legal representatives.
Signed with our seals this 2d day of Oct A D 1877.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden E. R. Bartlett has this day been licensed by License No 6. by the Board of Selectmen of said Town of Grafton in said county of Worcester, now if the said E. R. Bartlett shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of the Act under which said license is issued and also shall pay all damages which be recovered from him under and pursuant to the provisions of said Act then this bond to be void, otherwise of full force in the law.

Executed in presence of } E. R. Bartlett
C. L. Willis } W. B. Cook
L. H. Nichols

Approved Oct 2d 1877.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Class — License $100. —

A Copy
Attest
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Town Warrant.

Worcester ss

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the county of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified in elections and town affairs to meet at the town hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the sixth day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a a Councillor for the Third Councillor District and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester and for Special Commissioners for the County of Worcester, for a Representative to represent the Third Worcester District in General Court, for Commissioner of Insolvency, for a District Attorney for Worcester District, for a Sheriff for Worcester County - also to vote on the Amendment to the Constitution as proposed by the last General Court.

The votes for all the above officers will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes, on separate ballots, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the officer voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at ten o'clock A.M. and may be closed at two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of the said town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

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Given under our hands this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

Alden M. Bigelow
J. N. Axtell
Geo W. Tiffer
David L. Fisk
S. A. Knowlton
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in the center of Grafton New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding the said meeting as therein directed.
Grafton Nov 6th 1877.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Copy of Warrant.

Attest
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall, Tuesday Nov 6th A.D. 1877 and at ten o'clock A.M. Alden M. Bigelow Chairman of the board of Selectmen called the meeting to order and the clerk read the warrant and the Polls were opened.
On motion of R. L. Warren voted to close the Polls at three o'clock P.M.
At three o'clock P.M. no objection being made the Polls were closed.
The votes having been counted and recorded were declared as follows:—

Whole number votes for Governor Three hundred eighty eight	388.
Alexander H. Rice of Boston had Two hundred and thirty five	235.
William Gaston of Boston had One hundred and twenty one	121.
Robert C. Pitman of Newton had Thirty two	32.

Whole number votes for Lieutenant Governor, Three hundred eighty three — 383.
Horatio G. Knight of Easthampton, had Two hundred and forty eight — 248.
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield, had One hundred and twenty — 120.
Elijah A. Morse of Canton, had Fifteen — 15.

Whole number votes for Secretary of State, Three hundred eighty three — 383.
Henry B. Peirce of Abington, had Two hundred and forty nine — 249.
Weston Howland of Fairhaven, had One hundred and twenty — 120.
David B. Gurney of South Abington, had Fourteen — 14.

Whole number votes for Treasurer and Receiver General, Three hundred, eighty three — 383.
Charles Endicott of Canton, had Two hundred and forty nine — 249.
David N. Skillings of Winchester, had One hundred and thirty four — 134.

Whole number votes for Attorney General, Three hundred, eighty one — 381.
Charles R. Train of Boston, had Two hundred and forty six — 246.
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester, had One hundred and twenty — 120.
Orrin T. Gray of Hyde Park, had Fifteen — 15.

Whole number votes for Auditor, Three hundred, seventy eight — 378.
Julius L. Clarke of Newton, had Two hundred and fifty — 250.
John S. Fitzgerald of Boston, had One hundred and eighteen — 118.
Jonathan N. Orne of Marblehead, had Ten — 10.

Whole number votes for Councillor 2nd District, Three hundred seventy seven — 377.
Harrison Tweed of Taunton, had Two hundred and forty nine — 249.
William Aspinwall of Brookline, had One hundred and twenty — 120.
Ezra D. Tenant of Randolph, had Seven — 7.
William Upham of Spencer, had One — 1.

Whole number votes for Sheriff for Worcester County, Three hundred, ninety two — 392.
Augustus B. R. Sprague of Worcester, had Two hundred and ninety seven — 297.
George R. Spurr of Worcester, had Eighty two — 82.
Joseph D. Hunt of Milford, had Thirteen — 13.

Whole number votes for County Commissioner, Worcester County, Three hundred eighty three — 383.
William A. Brown of Fitchburg, had, Two hundred and forty nine — 249.
William A. Hardy of Fitchburg, had One hundred and twenty — 120.
Thomas Harrington of Worcester, had Fourteen — 14.

Whole number votes for Attorney for Worcester Middle District, Three hundred eighty three — 383.
Hamilton B. Staples of Worcester, had Two hundred and forty eight — 248.
John R. Thayer of Worcester, had One hundred ~~and~~ thirteen — 113.
John S. Sarmwell of Milford, had Sixteen — 16.

Whole number votes for Special 6 Commissioners, Worcester 6. — — — — — —

Bathiel Ellis	of Winchendon,	had Two hundred and forty eight	248.
Jamie R. Davis	of Milford,	had Two hundred and forty nine	249.
William Bennett	of Hubbardston,	had One hundred and twenty	120.
J. J. Oakes	of Southbridge,	had One hundred and twenty	120.
Lyman Sheldon	of Webster,	had Fourteen	14.
Timothy A. Smith	of Westboro,	had Fourteen	14.

Votes for Commissioner of Insolvency

David H. Morrison	of Fitchburg,	had Two hundred and forty nine	249.
Charles Field	of Athol,	had Two hundred and forty nine	249.
Frank P. Goulding	of Worcester,	had Two hundred and forty nine	249.
Arthur G. Bacon	of Westboro,	had Two hundred and forty eight	248.

Whole number votes for Senator 2nd Worcester District, Three hundred sixty nine — 369.

William Knowlton	of Upton,	had Two hundred and forty eight	— 248.
Henry A. Aldrich	of Newton,	had One hundred and twenty	— 120.
Seth J. Axtell	of Grafton,	had One	— 1.

Whole number votes for Representatives 3rd Worcester District, Three hundred, sixty nine — 369.

Lucius M Sargent	of Grafton	had Two hundred and thirty seven,	237.
Jeremiah Robinson	of Grafton,	had One hundred and twenty three	123.
Barnabas Newton		had Eight	8.
J. Robinson		had One	1.

Whole number votes on Amendment & Constitution, Twenty five — 25.

Yes —	had	Twelve —	12.
No.	had	Thirteen —	13.

The Returns of the foregoing votes having been made out, signed and sealed in open town meeting the meeting was adjourned —

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Grafton Nov 7th 1877.

The Town Clerks of Northbridge and Grafton met at the Town Hall, Grafton at twelve o'clock noon this day and ~~found~~ upon examination of the Selectmen's certificates found that the vote for Representative to General Court in District number three - composed of the towns of Grafton and Northbridge - was as follows -

Vote of Grafton

Lucius M. Sargent,	had Two hundred, thirty seven -	237.
Jeremiah Robinson,	had One hundred twenty three -	123.
Barnabas Newton,	had Eight, -	8.
J. Robinson	had One -	1.

Vote of Northbridge -

Lucius M. Sargent	had Two hundred thirty eight -	238.
Jeremiah Robinson	had One hundred sixty eight -	168.

Totals -	Scattering	Robinson	Sargent
	9.	291.	475

Whole number votes -	775.
Sargent's majority	175.

A true statement of the vote -

Attest

L. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Grafton Feb 12th 1878.

The ballots cast at the last election for State and County Officers, by the voters of Grafton Nov 6th 1877. were sealed and delivered according to law - and the same, without being opened, were this day destroyed by me by burning.

Attest

L. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Omitted by mistake

Omitted by mistake

Town Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the county of Worcester, — Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the sixth day of November A.D. 1877. at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following article, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to purchase the town bond of the town of Grafton now held by the state of Washington Estabrook, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven.

Alden M. Bigelow
L. K. Axtell
Geo. H. Fisher
David L. Fisk
L. A. Newton
Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in the center of Grafton, New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.
Grafton Nov 5th 1877.

A. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

A copy
Attest A. A. Ballou Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall Tuesday Nov 6th 1877. at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who then read the Warrant, and under Art 1st called for vote for a Moderator.

First ballot for Moderator.

S. D. Hall had one vote — 1.

Alden M. Bigelow had one vote — 1.

and there was no choice.

Second ballot for Moderator

J. R. Axtell had one vote and was elected.

Took up Art 2nd.

C. M. Batchiller moved to pass over the Article.

J. A. Chickering moved as an amendment that the subject of purchasing the bond be left with the Selectmen to act as they thought best.

The amendment prevailed and the motion carried as amended.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record.

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

Grafton Dec 3d 1877.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day Barnabas Newton was appointed measurer of Wood and Bark - but declined to serve.

Then Samuel E. Leland was appointed to the same office and duly notified by the Town Clerk.

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Town Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the fourth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

Art 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3. To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers and Committees, and act thereon.

Art 4. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Footways and Bridges, the ensuing year.

Art 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art 6. To see what discount the town will make to those persons who voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 7. To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 8. To see what compensation the town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art 9. To see if the town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art 10. To determine where within the town the High School shall be kept ensuing year.

Art 11. To see if the town will cause one of the Church bells in the center of the town to be rung at 12 o'clock M. and at 9 o'clock P.M. or act thereon.

Art 12. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway running through land of S. Worcester and connecting the road leading to Memorial District with the road leading from Memorial District to the new Upton road near land of Sonia A. Stowe, as petitioned for by Franklin Worcester and others, or act thereon.

Art 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the Town Bonds, now held by the Washington Estabrook estate.

Art 14. To see if the town will accept Chapter 186 of Acts 1877. entitled: "An Act in relation to Overseers of the Poor," and act thereon.

Art 15. To see if the town will vote to prohibit the taking of fish from Goddard Pond, so called, as petitioned for by J. A. Dodge and others, or act thereon.

Art 16. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town, and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight.

A Copy

Allen M. Bigelow
J. K. Axtell
Geo W. Fisher
David L. Fisk
S. H. Kennedy
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in the center of said Grafton New England Village, Farmingville and Saundersville seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton March 4th 1878.

A copy of Warrant and return. Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall Monday March 4th 1878. at nine o'clock in the forenoon.
The Clerk called the meeting to order and read the warrant.
Took up Art 1st and by ballot chose S. Davis Hall, Moderator.
Mr. Hall took the chair and called on Rev P. Y. Smith to offer prayer.

On motion of S. H. Kenrolton took up Art 14.

S. H. Kenrolton moved that the town accept Chapter 186, of Acts of 1877 entitled "An Act in relation to Overseers of the Poor."
J. G. Putnam moved as amendment to pass over the article — Amendment lost.
When the original motion was put and carried. and the provisions of the Act referred to were accepted.

N. C. Morton moved to pass Art 2d and take up Art 3d — Carried.

S. E. Stowe moved to lay Art 3d on the table, Carried.

Took up Art 2d — and on motion of R. E. Warren voted to proceed for a choice of town officers as per printed ballot furnished by the town's committee.

Voted to close the Polls at one o'clock P.M.

Henry Manns moved to reconsider the vote whereby the meeting voted to close the Polls at One o'clock P.M. and that the Polls be closed at 12 o'clock M.
The motion was carried.

At 12 o'clock M. no objections being made the Polls were closed — and on motion, voted to adjourn the meeting for thirty minutes.

Afternoon session — Meeting called to order by The Moderator, S. Davis Hall.

The ballots having been assorted and counted were declared by the Moderator as follows.

Whole number votes for Town Clerk — Two hundred and Sixteen - 216.
A. A. Ballou had. Two hundred and sixteen — — — 216.
and was elected and duly sworn by the Moderator.

For Selectmen

Alden M. Bigelow	had Two hundred and four votes	204.
Geo W. Fisher	had Two hundred and four votes	204
David L. Fisk	had One hundred, ninety eight votes	198.
Wm T. Barker	had Two hundred and eleven votes	211.
Edward A. Estabrook	had Two hundred and nine votes	209.
P. Burke	had Four votes	4.
W. Ciscoe	had One vote	1.
H. F. Wood	had One vote	1.
J. K. Aptill	had One vote	1.
J. P. Crosby	had One vote	1.
E. F. Wheeler	had One vote	1.

And Alden M. Bigelow — Geo W. Fisher, David L. Fisk - Wm T. Barker and Edward A. Estabrook were declared elected and duly sworn by by the Moderator.

Whole number votes for Treasurer - Two hundred and Sixteen — 216.
Rufus L. Warren had Two hundred and Sixteen vote — 216.
and was elected and sworn by the Town Clerk.

For Assessors.

Barnabas Newton	had Two hundred and Three votes (sworn April 4th)	203.
Gilbert L. Tufts	had Two hundred and fifteen votes (sworn April 30th)	215.
Ashley W. Rice	had Two hundred and fifteen votes (sworn April 10th)	215.
Wm Ciscoe	had Four votes	4.

And Barnabas Newton – Gilbert C. Taft and Ashley W. Rice were declared elected.

For Overseers of the Poor.

J. B. Sibley for 3 years – had Two hundred and fourteen votes 214
Erastus Adams for 2 years – had Two hundred and fifteen votes 215
Wm Holbrook for 1 year – had Two hundred and fifteen vote 215.

and the three were declared elected for the time expressed – and were duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

For School Committee, for 3 years.

Whole number votes Two hundred and fifteen – 215.
C. J. Smith had Two hundred and fifteen – 215.

and was elected.

For Trustee Riverside Cemetery for 5 years.

Whole number votes Two hundred and fourteen – 214.
James Gleason had Forty nine votes 49.
Joseph A. Dodge had One hundred, sixty five votes 165.

and Joseph A. Dodge was elected.

For Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years

Whole number votes – Two hundred and thirteen 213.
Jesse H. Smith had Two hundred and twelve votes, 212.
H. K. Eady had one vote 1.

and Jesse H. Smith was elected.

For Committee on Common for 3 years.

Whole number of votes. Two hundred and ten – 210.
Jno D. Wheeler had Two hundred and ten votes, 210.

and was elected.

For Constables.

S. D. Hall had Two hundred and thirteen votes 213. Sworn by Town Clerk
D. W. Arcnest had Two hundred and eleven votes 211. Declined
Richard Long had Two hundred and eight votes 208. Declined
Charles Jennings had Two hundred and fifteen votes 215. Sworn by Town Clerk
S. E. Ernst had Two hundred and thirteen votes 213 Sworn by Town Clerk
Lucien B. Drury had Two hundred and fourteen votes 214. Sworn by Town Clerk
J. B. Sibley had Two hundred and fourteen votes 214. Sworn by Town Clerk

and were elected – the seven –

On motion of A. W. Rice voted to choose five Field Drivers by nomination -
Chose James Kelley
Charles Prentice
and John Gallig'an.

W. C. Fletcher - sworn by Town Clerk -
James A. Allen - sworn by Moderator.

On motion J K Axtell voted to choose three Fence Viewers by nomination -
Chose A. W. Rice - Sworn Apr 1st - S. E. Stowe Sworn Apr 1st and J. B. Sibley. Sworn Apr 1st

On motion of J K Axtell voted that all other necessary Town Officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Took up Art 3d
Voted to accept the Selectmen's Report as printed.

Took up Art 9th -
At his own request voted to take the name of Charles H. Nelson from the Jury List and substitute the name of Lyman M. Rice therefor.
At his own request voted to take the name of Joseph K. Axtell from the Jury List and substitute the name of Edwin A. Howe therefor.
Edward F. Chamberlin having been drawn since the list was published voted to take his name from the list and substitute the name of Samuel H. Redding therefor.
With the foregoing changes the Jury List was then, by vote, accepted and is as follows: -

List of Jurors.

✓ Allen Herbert F.	✓ Fahey Edward
✓ Adams Joseph	✓ Fletcher Noah
✓ Bigelow John W.	✓ Fisher Geo W.
✓ Bigelow Lewis H.	✓ Fisk David L.
✓ Barker Wm F.	✓ Forbush Silas A.
✓ Bannister Henry L.	✓ Fay Geo A.
✓ Brown Wm H.	✓ Fowler Augustus
✓ Crosby John P.	✓ Goulding Albert M.
✓ Dodge Joseph A.	✓ Goddard Perley
✓ Dollicer Samuel B.	✓ Goddard J. Augustus
✓ Dunn Geo M.	✓ Gibbs Daniel A.
✓ Eaton Samuel H.	✓ Gurney Hiram E.
✓ Estabrook Edward A.	✓ Hall Josiah S.
✓ Faulkner Winthrop	✓ Howe Edwin A.

List of Jurors — continued —

✓ Holbrook Wm	✓ Rugg Geo H.
✓ Keith Moses A.	✓ Sinclair J. Eldridge
✓ Knowlton Samuel H.	✓ Smith Lucius M
✓ Kelley Jarvis S.	✓ Smith Jesse H.
✓ Leland Luther H.	✓ Sheridan Nicholas
✓ Leonard Charles L.	✓ Stowe Silas L.
✓ Mann Henry	✓ Stratton Oscar
✓ McGarry Francis M	✓ Taft Reuben
✓ Newton Barnabas	✓ Tinton Silas
✓ Newton Geo R.	✓ Wheeler Edmund F.
✓ Putnam James G.	✓ Worcester Franklin
✓ Parris Silas A.	✓ Ward Wm S.
✓ Rice Ashley W.	✓ Willis Clark C.
✓ Rice Lyman M	✓ Whitney John C.
✓ Redding Samuel H.	

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Took up Art 3d –

Voted to accept the Treasurers Report as printed.
Voted to accept the Collectors Report as printed
Voted to accept the Overseers Report as printed
Voted to accept the Engineers Report as printed
Voted to accept Trustees Riverside Cemetery Report as printed
Voted to accept Trustees Pine Grove Cemetery Report as printed
Voted to accept Book Agents Report as printed
Voted to accept Overseers of Common Report as printed
Voted to accept Registrar's Report as printed
Voted to accept Trustees Library Report as printed.
Voted to accept School Committees Report as printed.

Mr. Sargent asked the privilege to read some resolutions which by vote, was granted.
The Resolutions were as follows; —

Whereas.

The sale and use of intoxicating liquors impairs the material, intellectual, and moral forces of society, destroys the character of old and young, induces disease, crime and death, puts in jeopardy life and property, breaks up the home and fills the poor house, saps the foundations of honor, and crowds our jails thereby increasing to an alarming extent the sum of human misery, and the burdens of taxation; —

And whereas, — To license the sale of intoxicants is to indorse an evil and become accessory to a crime against society, therefore —

Resolved —

That we the citizens of the town of Grafton, in Town Meeting assembled do hereby express our conviction that it is inexpedient to grant licenses to any person or persons to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage within said town.

Resolved —

That we respectfully entreat the honorable Board of Selectmen to refuse all license whatsoever, except for strictly medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Voted to adopt the foregoing Resolutions.

Took up Art 4th — On motion of A. F. Wing voted that the repairing of the Highways, Footways and Bridges be left with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 5th

On motion J. K. Axtell voted to raise Twenty four Thousand Dollars — $24.00. — to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Voted to appropriate Twenty two hundred Dollars — $2200 — for interest on Town debt.

Voted to appropriate Six Thousand Dollar — $6000. — for Common Schools.

Voted to appropriate Twenty five hundred Dollars — $2500. — for High and Grammar Schools.

Voted to appropriate Thirteen hundred Dollars — $1300. — for the Fire Department.

Voted to appropriate Five hundred Dollars — $500. — for rent of Town Hall.

Voted to appropriate Two Thousand Dollars — $2000. — for Highways.

Voted to appropriate Two hundred Dollars —$200.— and the 'Dog Fund' for Town Library.

Voted to appropriate One hundred Dollars —$100.— for Memorial Day.

Voted to appropriate Two hundred Dollars —$200.— for Street Lights in Grafton Center.

Took up Art 13th — — On motion of Wm Holbrook and amended by G. F. Slocum, voted to leave the matter of Town Bond held by the estate of Washington Estabrook, with the Selectmen.

On motion of J.H. Chickering voted to appropriate One Thousand Dollars and amount of accrued interest on Bond, to pay for said Bond.

Took up Art 6th — And voted that there be no discount allowed on Taxes the ensuing year, And that all Poll taxes be collected on demand; and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next. and that all taxes remaining unpaid after that date be subject to an addition of one per cent per month until paid, and all legal costs of collecting.

The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the time he receives the tax list; and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next.

On motion S. S. Stowe voted that the collecting of taxes be put up at auction & be sold to the lowest bidder; which was done and they were struck off to John McElvens at one half of one per cent, he being the lowest bidder.

Took up Art 2d — and balloted for Tax Collector,

Whole number voters for Collector One hundred, twenty seven 127.

A. A. Ballou had two votes 2.

John McElvens had thirteen votes 13.

B. Newton had One hundred and twelve votes 112.

and B. Newton was elected.

On motion of J. A. Chickering voted to reconsider the vote whereby the meeting voted to sell the collecting of taxes to at auction to the lowest bidder.

After several motions and amendments were offered but all lost — On motion of Geo H. Nichols, voted that the compensation of the Collector for collecting taxes be one half of one per cent (1/2 of 1%)

and B. Newton stated that he would collect the taxes on those terms. viz 1/2 of 1%. —

Took up Art 7th Voted that the compensation of the Sextons for burying the dead be the same as last year. viz — four dollars ($4.—) for each burial.

Took up Art 8th — Voted to pay the Firemen the same as last year — viz, Ten dollars —$10.— each, per annum.

Took up Art 10th Voted that the High School be kept in the center District.

Took up Art 11th Voted that the matter of ringing one of the Church bells, be left with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 13th Voted to leave the matter of road referred to with the Selectmen to ascertain if it is a County road and report at the April meeting.

Voted to pass over Art 15th.

Took up Art 16th — Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town.

Voted That when we adjourn, it be to the first Monday in April next, at 2 o'clock P.M.

Voted to adjourn —

A true record — Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 11th 1878.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day, the following appointments were made.

Sealer of Weights and Measures – Saml E. Leland – sworn by Town Clerk

Pound Keeper – John W. Pigeon

Measurers of Wood and Bark – E. O. Smiley
L. K. Leland
Henry Campbell sworn May 6th
Winthrop Faulkner
Walter Gurney
Lucy Chase
M. A. Keith
Geo Willis
Sumner Leonard

Weighers of Hay, Coal, etc. Saml Harrington
Geo K. Nichols
G. L. Taft
Ezekiel Fowler
C. C. Willis
E. O. Smiley
Henry Campbell sworn May 6th
L. K. Leland
A. A. Smith
Geo W. Colville
Elbridge Potter sworn Sworn 7th April 1st

Measurer of Upper Leather – Henry Maud, sworn by Town Clerk May 27

Sexton – James Gleason.

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton March 18th 1878.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made.

Lockup Keeper	James Carney	Sworn by Town Clerk.
Surveyor of Lumber	Noah Fletcher	Declines to serve.
Pell Ringer	Andrew K. White.	

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 1st 1878.

Adjourned March Meeting.

Met according to adjournment.

S. D. Hall, moderator, in the Chair.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

J. D. Wheeler having declined to serve as one of the Committee of the Common -
Voted to excuse him and that the Selectmen be authorized to fill the vacancy.

D. H. Parsons having declined to serve as Constable voted to excuse him and that the Selectmen be authorized to fill the vacancy.

Took up Art 9. - Alden M. Bigelow moved to reconsider the vote whereby the meeting voted to accept the List of Jurors - carried.
At their own request Nicholas Sheridan, Wm T. Barker and Lucius M. Smith were excused from the Jury List and the names of Henry R. Leland, Geo. H. Rugg and Warren Campbell were substituted.
The List as revised was then accepted.

Took Art 12. On motion of S. L. Stone voted to discontinue the piece of highway as petitioned by Franklin Forrester and others, and described in this article.

R. Newton declined to serve as Collector and was excused.
Wm Holbrook moved to proceed to ballot for Collector
S. H. Bigelow moved as an amendment that we fix the compensation of Collector - The amendment was accepted and the motion put and carried.
The collecting of Taxes was then put up at Auction and were struck off to John M. Flood at seven and one half mills (7½) on the dollar, he being the lowest bidder.
(R. Newton's bid was eight & mills on the dollar)

Took up Art 25 — and balloted for Collector.
Whole number of votes — fifty 50.
John McAlvain had ten votes 10.
B. Newton had forty votes 40
and B. Newton was declard and sworn by the Moderator.

Voted to adjourn for one hour. — (Erection under April Warrant)

After adjournment Took up Art 24 — and
Voted to reconsider the vote whereby the highways were put
in the hands of the Selectmen.

Wm Holbrook moved to choose three Highway Surveyors,
carried.
Voted to choose them on seigle ballots — and proceeded
to ballot.
Whole number votes for Surveyor for Center District — 102.
Allen M. Bigelow had three votes 3.
J. B. White had three votes 3.
Thos Shurtleff had seven votes 7.
R. E. Warren had Fortyfive votes 43.
S. Triton had Forty six votes 46.
and S. Triton was declard elected Sworn by Moderator
Whole number votes for Surveyor for N.E. Village District — 42.
L. H. Bigelow had two votes 2.
Wm T. Barker had forty votes 40.
and Wm T. Barker was declard elected. Sworn by Moderator

Whole number votes for South District — 40.
S. E. Crouch had one votes 1.
J McClellan had four votes 4.
D. L. Fisk had five votes 5.
C. C. Willis had thirty votes 30.
and C.C. Willis was declard elected Sworn by Moderator

On motion of A. E. Newton voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Pigeon Hill road was put in the hands of the Selectmen and the same be put in the hands of the Highway Surveyors.
Voted to dissolve the meeting.
A true record.

Attest

L. H. Ballou
Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of April next, at half past two o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 158, of Acts of 1871, relating to Road Commissioners, and act thereon, as petitioned by John McClellan and others.

Art 3rd To see if the town will vote to make special repairs on the Pigeon Hill road — so called — leading from North Street to said Pigeon Hill, as petitioned by Lewis Daniels and others, or act thereon.

Art 4th — To see if the town will paint their Stone House and make appropriations for the same or act thereon.

Art 5th To see if the town will build a lodging house for Tramps, or act thereon.

Art 6th To see what action the town will take in regard to the suit brought by the City of Boston against the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton.

Art 7th To see if the town will, by a Yea and Nay ballot express their wish in regard to the granting of licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, or act Thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post Office in New

England Village, Farmersville and Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due Return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

Alden M. Pegelow
David L. Fisk
Wm T. Barker
E. A. Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at the center of said Grafton, New England Village, Farmersville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, as therein directed.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton April 1st 1878.

A copy of Warrant and Return.
Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of the town of Grafton met at the Town Hall, Monday April 1st 1878 at half past two o'clock P.M.

Meeting called to order by the Town Clerk, who read the warrant and under Art 1st called for vote for Moderator -
S. Davis Hall was unanimously chosen Moderator by ballot.

Took up Art 2nd - Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 158 of Acts of 1871 relating to Road Commissioners

Took up Art 3rd - Voted to leave the repairing of Pegion Hill road with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 4th — On motion of L. A. Goulding voted to paint the town Alms House.
and on motion of A. A. Ballou voted that the Overseers of the Poor be a committee to paint the Alms House.

Took up Art 5th — Wm Holbrook moved to appropriate the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars — $150. — to build a Tramps House —
After some discussion S. J. Aptell moved as an amendment that the whole matter (Tramps house) be left with the Overseers of the Poor to act they think best. The amendment was accepted by Mr Holbrook, and the motion was put and carried as amended.

Took up Art 6th — Voted to leave the matter of suit etc with the Overseers of the Poor.

Took up Art 7th — A motion was made to pass over the Art — Henry Mann moved to take a yea and nay vote by ballot —
John McClellan moved as an amendment that the meeting take a vive voce vote — This last amendment was carried, and the motion in regard to the granting of licenses to sell intoxicating liquors was then put and the meeting voted ~~voted~~ No against licenses of all kinds.

Voted to dissolve the meeting —

A true record — Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton April 8th 1878.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made –

For Constable – James Gleason,

For Fire Engineers – Silas Thurston
S. F. Smith
S. L. Stowe
James Gleason
H. F. Allen
John W. Bigelow
Aaron Elliot
L. H. Bigelow
S. A. Hamilton
Geo W. Fuller
C. C. Willis
Ezekiel Fowler

Attest

L. A. Bolton
Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents – That we whose names are below written – being heirs at law of Washington Estabrook late of Grafton, county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts – are held and firmly bound to the inhabitants of said town of Grafton in the sum of One Thousand Dollars and interest as hereinafter expressed, to the payment whereof we bind ourselves and our heirs firmly by these presents –

Sealed with our seals and dated this 12th day of April A D 1878.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Washington Estabrook was the owner of one One Thousand Dollar Coupon Bond issued by the said town of Grafton, dated May 1st 1867. and numbered seven (7) and whereas said bond was stolen from the vault of the Fuit National Bank Grafton on the night of the 28th day of October A D 1870. and cannot be recovered;

Now therefore if the said town of Grafton pays to us the said heirs, the sum of One Thousand Dollars and the accrued interest unpaid on said bond, we by these presents agree and hereby bind our heirs, to indemnify and hold harmless from all loss whatsoever, the inhabitants of said Grafton, from ever being called upon to pay said bond and interest that may hereafter accrue thereon.

And if the said bond heirs shall save the said inhabitants of Grafton harmless for having so paid said sum of money, and from all liability under and by virtue of said bond, then this obligation shall be void.

Witness

S C Bowen } J. W. Estabrook &s
Geo W. Estabrook &s
Nellie F. Lindsay M C. Lindsay &s
Melleville O. Stratton Ellen A. Stratton &s
Parthenia S. Willard Charlie W. Estabrook &s.
Helen L. Burpee J & F Burpee &s
Ethel W. Scott L. E. Morse &s.

Accepted May 6th 1878 – Helen M. Bigelow – Geo W. Fuller – David S. Fitt – Mrs F. Barker – E. A. Estabrook

Copy of Bond.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Know all men by these presents that we Rufus L. Warren of Grafton in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal, and Silas L. Stowe and Horace L. Warren of said Grafton as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney in the sum of twenty Thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs executors and administrators jointly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Rufus L. Warren has been chosen Treasurer of said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same,

Now if the said Rufus L. Warren shall as Treasurer as aforesaid faithfully account for and pay all moneys by him received and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office- then this obligation shall be void - otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue -

Witness

E. L. Warren — Rufus L. Warren L.S.
A. A. Ballou — Silas L. Stowe L.S.
A. A. Ballou — Horace L. Warren L.S.

Approved March 11th 1878.

Alden M. Pigeon
Geo W. Fuller
Daniel L. Fitz
Wm F. Parker
A. A. Estabrook

A Copy of Treasurers Bond
Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

" Know all men by these presents - That we Lucien B. Drury as principal - and Wm S. Barker and Lucius M. Sargent as sureties - all of Grafton, county of Worcester, are holden and stand firmly bound unto the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton in the full and just sum of Three Thousand Dollars to be paid unto said inhabitants of said Grafton their successors or assigns, to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents -

Sealed with our seals and dated this eighth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and seventy eight.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Lucien B. Drury has been duly chosen one of the Constables of said Grafton for the year ensuing - and has accepted said office -

Now if the said Lucien B. Drury as such Constable shall during the term for which he is elected & said office faithfully perform the duties of Constable in the service of all civil process which may be committed to him, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise shall remain in full force -

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of -

L. B. Drury L.S.
Wm S. Barker L.S.
L. M. Sargent L.S.

A copy of Constables' Bond
Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that we Barnabas Newton of Grafton in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal, and Samuel C. Flagg and Silas Wilson of said Grafton as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton, or its certain attorney in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents:—

Sealed with our seals and dated this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eighteen (8) hundred and seventy eight.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Barnabas Newton has been chosen Collector of Taxes for said town of Grafton for the ensuing year and has accepted that office and duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same.

Now if the said Barnabas Newton shall as Collector aforesaid faithfully collect, account for & pay over all the taxes which he shall be legally required to collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then this obligation shall be void & otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
Henry E. Newton
Henry E. Newton
Winslow S. Wilson

Barnabas Newton L.S.
Samuel C. Flagg L.S.
Silas Wilson L.S.

A Copy of Collector Bond.
Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton July 1st 1878.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day Henry F. Gibson was appointed a member of the board of Fire Engineers —
And "Inholders Licenses" were granted to Jos A. Mann and E. R. Bartlett

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Townclerk.

Grafton Sept 2d 1878.

At a meeting of the Selectmen — Lowell Davis was appointed a Special Police and was sworn by the Townclerk

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Townclerk

Bond to Convey Land.

Know all men by these presents that I Reuben Taft of Grafton in the County of Worcester and held and firmly bound to the town of Grafton in the said County of Worcester, in the sum of One hundred and Fifty Dollars to be paid to said town; to the payment whereof I bind myself & my heirs firmly by these presents; sealed with my seal dated this eleventh day of May A D 1878.

The condition of this obligation is such that if said Taft upon the payment Seventy five Dollars by said town of Grafton within one year from this date, shall convey to said town forever, a certain parcel of land situate in said town bounded and described by a warranty deed from Samil Harrington to said Taft, dated June 22. 1874. Then this obligation shall be void.

If said town does not comply with the said obligation the said Taft is to receive ten dollars per year for the use of said land for a time not to exceed three years, and the said town is to have the right of removing their building from said land within the three years.

Signed & sealed & delivered
in the presence of
Henry F. Wing

Reuben Taft L.S.

A Copy Attest

A. A. Ballou Town Clerk

Worcester ss:

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester –

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are ~~hereby~~ directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the fifth day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for Representative in Congress for the Ninth District for Representative in General Court for the Three Worcester District and for a Register of Probate and Insolvency for Worcester County.

The votes for all the above offices will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes, on separate ballots, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the office voted for. The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above offices at ten o'clock A.M. and may be closed at two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to moderator, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight –

Alden M. Pigeon
Geo M. Fisher
David L. Fisk
Wm T. Parker
C. A. Estabrook

Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office at Grafton Center, Farnumsville and Saundersville and New England Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Nov 5th 1878.

A Copy of Warrant and Return
Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in election and town affairs met at the Town Hall Tuesday Nov 5th 1878. at ten o'clock A.M. when the Warrant was read and Abelon W. Bigelow Chairman of the board of Selectmen declared the Polls open ready to receive votes -
On motion of H. Faulkner voted to close the Polls at three o'clock P.M.
At three o'clock P.M. the voters being all in and no objection being made the Polls were closed and the votes having been counted and recorded were declared in due form and were as follows; -

For Governor.

Whole number of votes - Five Hundred and twelve -	512.
Thomas Talbot of Billerica had Three hundred and Sixty two	362.
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had One hundred and Forty nine	129.
Josiah G. Abbott of Boston had Twenty	20.
William Gaston of Boston had One	1.

For Lieutenant Governor.

Whole number of votes - Five hundred and fourteen	514.
John D. Long of Hingham had Three hundred and Seventy five	375.
John F. Arnold of North Adams had One hundred and eighteen	118.
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had Twenty one	21

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Whole number of votes Five hundred and fourteen	514.
Henry B. Peirce of Abington had Three hundred and Seventy five	375
Weston Howland of Fairhaven had One hundred and eighteen	118.
Henry L. Ewing of Holyoke had Twenty one	21.

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Whole number of votes, Five hundred and fourteen		514.
Charles Endicott	of Canton had Three hundred and seventy three	373.
John H. Jennings	of New Bedford had One hundred and nineteen	119.
David N. Skillings	of Winchester had Twenty Two	22.

For Attorney General

Whole number of votes Five hundred and twelve		512.
George Marston	of New Bedford had Three hundred and seventy three	373.
William D. Northend	of Salem had One hundred and eighteen	118.
Richard Olney	of Boston had Twenty one	21.

For Auditor

Whole number of votes Five hundred and fourteen		514.
Julius L. Clarke	of Newton had Three hundred and seventy three	373.
Davis J. King	of Boston had One hundred and seventeen	117.
John L. Fitzgerald	of Boston had Twenty one	21.
M. O. Stratton	of Grafton had Three	3.

For Representative to Congress 9th Mass District.

Whole number of votes Five hundred and ten		510.
William M. Rice	of Worcester had Three hundred and Sixty five	365.
Eli Thayer	of Worcester had One hundred and forty five	145.

For Councillor of the 2nd District.

Whole number of votes Five hundred and fourteen		514.
William Q. Tagler	of Boston had Four hundred and three	403.
George A. Shaw	of Boston had One hundred and eleven	111.

For Register of Probate and Insolvency

Whole number of votes Five hundred and twenty		520.
Charles S. Stevens	of Worcester had Three hundred and fifty three	353.
William A. Smith	of Worcester had One hundred and Sixty seven	167.

For County Commissioners

Whole number of votes Five hundred and fifteen		515.
Henry G. Fuller	of Uxbridge had Three hundred and sixty five	365.
Levi Parker	of Worcester had One hundred and fifty	150.

For Senator for 2nd Worcester District.

Whole number of votes Five hundred and twelve		512.
William Knowlton	of Upton had Three hundred and sixty two	362.
Benjamin A. Towne	of Westboro had One hundred and fifty	150.

For Representative to Legislature Worc District #3.

Whole number of votes Five hundred and fourteen		514.
Francis E. Fowler of Northbridge had Three hundred and sixty four		364.
Alden W. Paine of Northbridge had One hundred and twenty nine		129.
Orrin Wade of Northbridge had Twenty One		21.

The Returns for the foregoing Officers were then made out and sealed, and the Ballots and checks list were sealed and delivered to the Clerk in due form and the meeting then adjourned -

A Copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 6th 1878.

The Town Clerks of Grafton and Northbridge met at the Town Hall, Grafton Town Wednesday Nov 6th A.D. 1878. at 12. o'clock M. and upon examination of the Certificates of the Selectmen of said towns the votes for a Representative in the General Court in Worcester District No 3. were as follows -

Whole number votes in Grafton - - - - - - -		514.
Francis E. Fowler of Northbridge had - - - - - - - - -		364.
Alden W. Paine of Northbridge had - - - - - -		129.
Orrin Wade of Northbridge had - - -		21.
Whole number votes of Northbridge - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		490.
Francis E. Fowler of Northbridge had - - - - - - - - - - - -		302.
Alden W. Paine of Northbridge had - - - - - - - -		147.
Orrin Wade of Northbridge had - - -		37.
Frank E. Fowler of Northbridge had	2.	
F. E. Fowler of Northbridge had	1.	
John Doe of Northbridge had	1.	

	Scattering	Wade	Paine	Fowler	Total
Totals - - -	4.	58	276.	666.	1004

A Copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the fifth day of November A.D. 1878. at 3 oclock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will vote to fund any part of their floating debt or act thereon.

Art 3rd To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to establish Evening Schools at Farnumsville and Center Districts or act thereon, as petitioned for by P.Y. Smith and others.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Offices in the Center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Villages, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of Oct in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight —

Alden M. Pigeon
Geo N. Fisher
David L. Fisk
Wm T. Barker
E. A. Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at Grafton Center, New England Village Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

Grafton Nov 5th 1878 —

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

A Copy of Warrant and Return
Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, met at the Town Hall, Tuesday Nov 5th 1878 at 3 oclock P.M.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Clerk.

Took up Art 1st and chose Alden M. Bigelow Moderator.

On motion of Mr Faulkner voted to pass Art 2d—

On motion of Mr Faulkner voted to pass Art 3d—
(An amendment to leave the matter with School Committee was lost)

On motion of Mr Faulkner the meeting adjourned.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Sutton Mass. Dec 28th 1878.

We the undersigned have this day precambulated the boundry line between Sutton and Grafton as provided by the laws of this Commonwealth and find the monuments in good condition—

(signed)

George A. Searle
B. L. Batcheller
Appointed by the Selectmen
} Selectmen of Sutton.

Alden M. Bigelow
Geo M. Fisher
Wm T. Barker
E. A. Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton

Recvd and entered Feb 15th 1879 at 2h 0m P.M.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton Feb 20th 1879.

The ballots cast at the last State election – Nov 4th 1878 – for state, county and district officers were destroyed by me this day by burning.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town clerk.

Annual March 3d 1879–

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3rd To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Art 4th To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways and Bridges, the ensuing year.

Art 5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art 6th To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall

be paid collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 7th To see what compensation the town will allow the Sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 8th To see what compensation the town will Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art 9th To see if the town will accept of the list of names prepard by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box., or act thereon.

Art 10th To determine where within the town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art 11th To see if the town will cause one of the Church bells in the center of the town to be rung at 12. o'clock M. and at 9 o'clock P.M. or act thereon.

Art 12th To see if the town will accept the provisions of chapter 255 of Acts of 1878. in relation to election of Selectmen and Assessors or act thereon.

Art 13th To see if the town will purchase the land on which the Tramp House now stands or act thereon.

Art 14th To see if the town will grant James Kelley and family the right of way to pass over the land of the town farm, as petitioned for by D. A. Tenney and others, or act thereon.

Art 15th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon.

Art 16th To see if the what action the town will take to fund their floating debt, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farmersville and Saundersville village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

— Warrant continued —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

Alden M. Bigelow
Geo W. Fisher
David L. Fisk
Wm T. Barker
E. A. Estabrook
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office at Grafton Center, New England Village, Saundersville, and Farnumville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton March 3d 1879—

A copy of Warrant and Return—
Attest,
A. A. Ballou
Town clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall, Monday March 3d 1879 at nine o'clock in the forenoon and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town clerk — after which took up Art 1st and S Davis Hall was chosen Moderator by ballot.

The Moderator then called on Rev P. J. Smith who offered prayer.

Took up Art 12th — Voted to pass over the article.

Fork wsp Att 2d Voted to proceed to ballot for a list of Town officers as per printed ballot.

Voted to close the Polls at 1 o'clock P.M.
This vote was afterward reconsidered and voted to close the Polls at 12 o'clock M. and then take a recess of three fourths of an hour.
At 11-30 A.M. voted to reconsider the vote closing the Polls at 12 M. and that the Polls be closed now. and the Polls were closed at 11-30 A.M. and the vote declared as follows; —

Town Clerk.

Whole number votes — 206.
A. A. Ballou had 206.
and was elected; and sworn by the Moderator.

Selectmen.

Whole number votes 206.
Necessary to a choice 104.

James S. Putnam	had	Sworn Mar 8d 3d. 194.
Samuel C. Flagg	"	Sworn Moderator 198.
Wm T. Barker	"	Sworn " 202.
A. G. Kempton	"	Sworn " 203.
J. P. Crosby	"	Sworn " 193.
Helen M. Bigelow	"	7.
Geo W. Fisher	"	3.
E. A. Estabrook	"	1.
D. A. Gibbs	"	1.
A. L. Fisher	"	1.
John Whitney	"	1.
Leo Dunn	"	1.

and James S. Putnam, Samuel C. Flagg, Wm T. Barker A. G. Kempton and J. P. Crosby were elected.

Treasurer.

Whole number of votes — 206.
Necessary to a choice 104.

Rufus E. Warren	had	204.
Silas Tilton	had	1.

and Rufus E. Warren was elected.

Assessors.

Whole number of votes — 206.
Necessary to a choice 104.

Gilbert C. Taft	had	sworn Apr 30th '79	206.
Barnabas Newton	"	sworn May 21st	205.
Ashley W. Rice	"	sworn J.C.	206.
D. W. Norcross	"		1

and Gilbert C. Taft Barnabas Newton and Ashley W. Rice were elected.

Overseer Poor for 3 years.

Whole number of votes — 205.
Necessary to a choice 103.

Wm Holbrook	had	sworn J.C.	204.
Horace Batchelder	"		1.

and Wm Holbrook was elected.

Road Commissioner.

Whole number of votes — 206.
Necessary to a choice 104

Rufus C. Warren	for 3 years had	sworn J.C.	203.
L. B. Drury	" 2 " "	" " March 4th	179.
C. C. Willis	" 1 " "	" " March 8th	200.
S. Vinton	"		1
W. F. Barker	"		18.
D. L. Fisk	"		3
S. A. Knowles	"		4.
H. L. Bannister	"		2.

and Rufus C. Warren - L.B. Drury and C.C. Willis were elected.

School Committee for 3 years.

Whole number of votes 201.
Necessary to a choice 102.

D. B. Hubbard	had	191.
W. L. Rice	"	10.

Trustee Riverside Cemetery for 5 years.

Whole number of votes 201.
Necessary to a choice 102

Reuben Taft	had	200.
J. B. White	"	1.

Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years.

Whole number votes 206.
Necessary to a choice 104.
F. Baldwin had 206.
and was elected —

Committee on Common.

Whole number of votes — 206.
Necessary to a choice 104.
D. W. Norcross for 3 years had 198.
A. A. Ballou " 2 " " 206.
and they were elected.

Constables.

Whole number of votes — 206.
Necessary to a choice 104.

B. Fish	had	Sworn Moderator	203.
S. D. Hall	"	Sworn & c	205
L. B. Drury	"	Sworn "	205
J. B. Sibley	"	Sworn "	206.
Alfred Lowell	"	Sworn "	202
Wm C. Fletcher	"	Sworn "	202
Thos J. Hall	"	Sworn Mch 8th	204
L. K. Davis	"		1
Lorin Davis	"		1
Geo M. Bigelow	"		1
James Carey	"		1
S. F. Smith	"		1

and B. Fish, S. D. Hall, L. B. Drury, J. B. Sibley, Alfred Lowell, Wm C. Fletcher and Thomas J. Hall were elected.

Voted to adjourn for one hour.

After adjournment — under Art 2 — voted to choose 5 Field Drivers by nomination —
Chose — Arthur M. Bigelow — Albert Adams — Myron H. Bigelow — Eleanor L. Davenport and Warren B. Maxwell

Voted to choose 3 Fence Viewers by nomination —
Chose A. N. Rice — Perly Goddard (who was sworn) and S. E. Stowell, sworn by T. C. —

Voted that all other necessary town officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Took up Art 3d -

Voted to take up the Reports of Town Officers in the order they are printed.

Voted to accept the Selectmens Report as printed

" " Treasurers " "
" " Collectors " "
" " Overseers " "
" " Engineers " "
" " Trustees Riverside Cemetery "
" " " Pine Grove " "
" " Book Agents " "
" " Law or Committee " "
" " Registrars' " "
" " Library " "
" " School Committee " "

Took up Art 4th - and voted that the repairing of the Highways and Bridges be left with the Road Committees - and that the Committees shall not exceed, in their expenditures, their appropriation -

Took up Art 5th and voted to raise Eighteen Thousand Dollars - $18,000. - to defray town expenses.

Voted the following appropriations - viz;
For Interest on town debt Fifteen Hundred and Seventy Dollars - $1570. -

For Common Schools, Five Thousand Dollars - $5,000. -
For High and Grammar Schools, Eighteen Hundred Dollars - $1,800. -
For Fire Department, Thirteen Hundred Dollars - $1,300. -
For Rent of Town Hall, Five Hundred Dollars $ 500. -
For Highways Eighteen Hundred Dollars, $1,800. -
For Town Library The Dog Tax -
For "Memorial Day" One Hundred Dollars, $ 100. -
For "Grafton Street Lights" Cutter, One Hundred Dollars, $ 100. -
For The Common Twenty five Dollars, $ 25. -
For Miscellaneous Expenses the balance of amount raised - $5805 -

Voted that the Street Light and Grand Army Associations report, at the next Annual Meeting, the disposition made of their appropriations.

Took up Art 6th — And voted that there be no discount allowed on taxes the ensuing year; that all Poll taxes be collected on demand; that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next; and that all taxes remaining unpaid after that date be subject to an addition of interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum until paid, and all legal costs for collecting. The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the time he receives the tax list; and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next.

Voted that the compensation of the Collector be eight tenths (8/10) of one per cent.

Voted to reconsider the vote fixing the compensation and put the collecting of taxes up at auction — which was done — the Moderator acting as auctioneer — and they were struck off to Barnabas Newton for one per cent (1%) he being the lowest bidder.

Took up Art 7th — And by ballot chose Barnabas Newton Collector. — Sworn by Town Clerk —

Took up Art 7th — And voted that the compensation of the Sextons be the same as last year — which was four dollars — $4. — for each burial —

Took up Art 8th And voted that the compensation of the Firemen be the same as last year — namely, ten dollars each. —

Took up Art 9th Voted to accept the list of Jurors as printed. Also to add the names of James Piper and James L. Simmons.
At his own request, voted to excuse Herbert D. Allen from serving as Juror and substitute the name of Wm E. Fletcher therefor.

Voted pass over Art 10th —

Took up Art 11th And voted that one of the Church bells be rung at 12 M. and 9 P.M.

Took up Art 13th And voted that the town purchase the land on which the Tramp House now stands.

Took up Art 14th And voted to leave the whole matter with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 15th And voted that the Treasurer be authorized to be borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town.

Took up Art 16th And voted to leave the matter of funding the town debt with the Selectmen, with the request that they report upon the same at the adjourned meeting.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at two (2) o'clock in the afternoon.

A true copy of record

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Grafton March 10th 1879.

At a meeting of the full board of Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made. Viz:

Constables — Lowell A. Davis sworn Mar 11th — E. P. Capron (as DR Police) and James Carney also is also Lockup Keeper. (J.C. sworn Mch 17)

Sextons — James Gleason and H. K. Leahy.

Sealer of Weights and Measures — Samuel S. Leland. sworn Mar 24th

Pound Keeper — Lebbeus K. Newhall — sworn Mch 11th

Measurers of Wood and Bark:
- E. O. Lindley
- S. K. Leland — sworn Apr 8th
- Henry Campbell — sworn Mch 26th
- Winthrop Faulkner
- Walter Carney
- Lucy Chase
- M. A. Keith
- Jas W. Willis
- Sumner Leonard — sworn Apl 8th

Weighers of Hay, Coal &c:
- Samuel Hamilton
- Geo K. Nichols
- G. C. Taft
- Ezekiel Fuller
- Le. C. Willis
- E. O. Lindley
- Henry Campbell — sworn Mch 26th
- S. K. Leland — sworn Apr 8th
- M. A. Smith
- G. W. Willis
- Elbridge Potter

Measurer of Lime & Leather — Henry Marsh — Sworn May 8th 1879.

Surveyor of Lumber — J. M. Davenport — Reuben Taft.

Auctioneer — A. Davis Hall

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer's Bond.

Know all men by these presents that we Rufus E. Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Silas E. Stowe and Horace S. Warren of said Grafton as sureties are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents;

Sealed with our seals and dated this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Rufus E. Warren has been chosen Treasurer of said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same, — Now if the said Rufus E. Warren shall as Treasurer aforesaid faithfully account for and pay over all moneys by him received and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the legal duties of the aforesaid office; — Then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue.

Witness — Ellen E. Warren
A. A. Ballou & S.E.S.
A. A. Ballou & H.S.W.

Rufus E. Warren L.S.
Silas E. Stowe L.S.
Horace S. Warren L.S.

A Copy.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 10th 1879 —

The following is a list of persons appointed, by the Selectmen of Grafton this day, "Railroad Police" upon petition of W. H. Barnes, Asst. Supt. Boston & Albany Railroad. —

L. M. Campbell	G. W. Watson
A. G. Hyde	G. A. Reed
J. Hastings	A. G. Whitton
W. M. Curtis	A. Hoyt
D. Perin	C. A. Daniell
F. Davis	Herman Fay
T. H. Cook	J. M. Whitney
J. H. Clark	J. A. Russell
F. Conner	H. M. Bean
J. Cunningham	A. J. Pickens
A. A. Tucker	H. Robinson
F. W. Fuller	C. C. Cook
A. F. Ray	J. A. Carter.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton March 21st 1879.

The Selectmen this day appointed Barnabas Newton Surveyor of Wood and Bark.
Mr. Newton appeared and took the oath of office before me —

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton April 7th 1879.

Annual Meeting — — Adjourned —

Met by adjournment at 2 o'clock P.M.
Meeting called to order by D. D. Hall Moderator,

Took up Art 16th and the Selectmen reported that they could borrow money on a term of years, and they recommended ~~for~~ borrowing $15,000- for four and one half (4½) per cent per annum,
Report accepted - and laid on table,

Voted to fund Fifteen Thousand Dollars - $15,000. - of the town debt - the vote being 70 in favor to 1 opposed -
On motion of L. F. Allen voted that the town fund Ten Thousand Dollars - $10,000 - at Worcester for ten years at four and one half per cent interest per annum, as per proposal received by the Treasurer,
Also Five Thousand Dollars - $5,000. - at the Grafton Savings Bank for five years with interest at four and one half per cent per annum, as per their offer.
Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to make the loans as aforesaid.

Took up Art 5th - and on motion of L. F. Allen voted to add Two Thousand Dollars - $2000. - to the town appropriation as made at the last meeting, making the whole appropriation Twenty Thousand Dollars - $20,000. -

On motion of Mr. Sargent voted to reaffirm the wish of the town in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors, as express in resolutions offered and adopted one year ago,

Took up Art 4th - On motion Jno. H. Allen voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a piece of land, in the northerly part of the town, for a gravel pit - the gravel to be used on the highways - if in their judgement it be for the interest of the town to do so -

Took up Art 6th On motion C. Newton voted that that portion of the vote passed at the last meeting fixing the rate of interest on unpaid taxes at seven per cent per annum, be rescinded; and that all taxes unpaid Oct 1st 1879 be subject to an addition of one per cent per month till paid and all legal costs for collecting, unless the General Court establishes a different rate of interest —

J. H. Chickering moved that the town fix the pay of the Road Commissioner at Two Dollars — $2.00 per day — and the pay of laborers on Highways at one dollar and a half — $1.50 — per day.
Mr Holbrook moved an amendment fixing the pay of laborers at one dollar and a quarter — $1.25 per day.
John E. Whiting moved an amendment fixing the pay of the Road Commissioner at one dollar and a quater — $1.25 — per day.
Mr. Whiting's amendment was put and carried —
Mr. Holbrook's amendment was put and carried —
The orginal motion was then put and carried as amended, and the pay of Road Commissioner and laborers established at one dollar and a quarter $1.25 — each per day.
Voted to dissolve the meeting

A true copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton April 7th 1879.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made; —
For measurers of Wood and Bark — — Michael E. Kelly, Sworn Apr 8th
For Fire Engineers —

Silas Whitten	C. F. Hobson	S. A. Hannoltan
S. F. Smith	F. J. Hall	A. L. Fisher
J. E. Stowe	Aaron Elliot	L. S. Davis
James Hersom	L. H. Bigelow	Ezekiel Fowler

Attest

A. A. Ballou Town Clerk.

Copy - Collectors Bond.

Know all men by these presents that we Barnabas Newton of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as Principal, and Samuel C. Flagg and Silas Vinton of said Grafton as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents -

Sealed with our seals and dated this twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine -

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Barnabas Newton has been chosen the Collector of Taxes for said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the same; - Now if the said Barnabas Newton shall as Collector aforesaid faithfully collect account for, and pay over all the Taxes which he shall be legally required to collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
A. A. Ballou to B.N. & S.C.S.
John Sheridan

Barnabas Newton L.S.
Samuel C. Flagg L.S.
Silas Vinton L.S.

A Copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton May 5th 1879.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day. C. C. Willis was appointed Fire Engineer in place of S. S. Davis, declined.

Innholders licenses were granted to F. P. Bowles and W. W. Cameron.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton June 2nd 1879.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day George A. Schaffer was appointed a Special Police. Sworn June 24, 1879.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton June 24th 1879.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day Charles E. Jennings was appointed a Special Police for the Fourth of July 1879.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton July 7th 1879.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day an Innholders license was granted to James A. Mann of Farnumsville, Grafton.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton Sept 2nd 1879.

At a special meeting of the Selectmen held this day George H. Brown was appointed a special Constable, sworn Sept 12th /79
Attest

L. A. Ballou Town Clerk.

Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank.
246 Main Street.

Worcester Mass. May 2d 1879.

To the Chairman of Selectmen of Grafton
Dear Sir.

Chas S. Hall Exr of Will of Dolly A. Thayer deposited this day ($200.) two hundred dollars under Acts of 1875. Chap 174 Sec 2. "Shade Trees & Cemetery Grounds" for which he has a certfct -

Respectfully Yours.
Geo W. Wheeler
Treasurer.

A copy of letter
Attest
L. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, — Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the fourth day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester, for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester and for a Representative to General Court from the Third Worcester Representative District. —

The votes for all the above officers will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes on seperate ballots, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the officer voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at nine o'clock A.M. and may be closed at two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post office in the center of said town and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farmersville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

Daniel C. Flagg
James G. Putnam
Wm F. Barker
A G Hemphton
John R. Crosby
Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post offices in the center of Grafton, New England Village, Farmersville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of meeting as therein directed.
Grafton Oct 16th 1879.

D. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall Tuesday Nov 4th 1879. at nine o'clock A.M. The meeting was called to order by Samuel C. Flagg Chairman of the board of Selectmen, and the warrant was read by the Town Clerk, when the Chairman declared the Polls open.

On motion of Alden M. Bigelow voted to close the Polls at three o'clock P.M.

At three o'clock P.M. no objection being made the Chairman declared the Polls closed.

The ballots having been counted and counted were declared as follows:—

Whole number votes for Governor, Four hundred and eighty four	484.
John D. Long of Hingham had Three hundred and twenty seven	327.
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had One hundred and forty three	143.
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had Thirteen	13.
A. A. Miner of Boston had One	1.

Whole number of votes for Lieutenant Governor, Four hundred and eighty five	485.
Byron Weston of Dalton had Three hundred and thirty three	333.
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield had Twelve	12.
Albert A. Wordworth of Chicopee had One hundred and forty	140.

Whole number of votes for Secretary of State, Four hundred and eighty four	484.
Henry B. Pierce of Abington had Three hundred and thirty seven	337.
Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville had One hundred and thirty four	134.
M. T. Donahoe of Somerville had Eleven	11.

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Whole number of votes Four hundred and eighty —	480.
Charles Endicott of Canton had Three hundred and thirty four	334.
David A. Skillings of Winchester had One hundred and forty six	146.

For Attorney General

Whole number of votes Four hundred and eighty	480.
George Marden of New Bedford had Three hundred and thirty four	334.
William D. Northend of Salem had One hundred and thirty five	135
Richard Olney of Boston had Eleven	11.

For Auditor.

Whole number of votes Four hundred and seventy eight	478.
Charles R. Dodd of Springfield had Three hundred and thirty two	332.
Davis J. Knig of Barton had One hundred and thirty five	135
Charles R. Field of Greenfield had Eleven	11.

For Councillor, 2nd District.

Whole number of votes Four hundred and eighty one	481.
William O. Taylor of Barton had Three hundred and thirty five	335.
William A. Hodges of Dana had One hundred and forty six	146.

For Register of Deeds. (Worcester So)

Whole number of votes Four hundred and eighty two	482
Harvey B. Wilder of Worcester had Three hundred and thirty six	336.
Joseph A. Tilus of Worcester had One hundred and thirty six	136.
J. B. Sayles of Millbury had Eleven ten	10.

For County Treasurer.

Whole number of votes Four hundred and seventy one	471.
Edward A. Brown of Worcester had Three hundred and thirty one	331.
Loren C. Parks of Worcester had One hundred and forty	140.

For County Commissioner.

Whole number of votes Four hundred and ninety three	493.
Henry C. Rice of Barre had Three hundred and forty two	342.
Washington Tufts of Brookfield had One hundred and fifty one	151

For Senator. 2nd Worcester District.

Whole number of votes Four hundred and eighty six	486.
William Abbott of Douglas had Three hundred and twenty one	321.
Charles Bigelow of Grafton had One hundred and sixty five	165

For Representative 3rd Worcester District.

Whole number of votes Four hundred and seventy one	471.
Henry F. Wing of Grafton had Three hundred and twenty four	324.
Samuel B. Dolliver of Grafton had One hundred and forty two	142.
S. B. Dolliver of Grafton had Three	3.
Samuel Dolliver had one	1.
Henry F. Wing has one	1.

After the result of the ballot had been declared, the necessary returns to the Commonwealth made out and sealed, the check list and ballots sealed, and delivered to the Clerk the meeting dissolved.

A true record— Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Grafton and Northbridge held at the Town Clerk's office in Grafton Wednesday Nov 5th 1879 at 12 o'clock M. upon the examination of the certificates of the Selectmen of said Grafton and Northbridge to the Town Clerks of said towns, the votes for a Representative to the General Court in the Worcester Representative District number three were found to be as follows:-

Whole number of votes in Grafton, Four hundred and seventy one 471.
Henry F. Wing of Grafton had Three hundred and twenty four - - - 324.
Samuel B. Dolliver of Grafton had One hundred and forty two - 142.
S. B. Dolliver of Grafton had Three - - 3.
Samuel Dolliver had one 1.
Henry F. Wing had one 1.

Whole number of votes in Northbridge, Four hundred and eighty - - - - - - - - - 480.
Henry F. Wing of Grafton had Two hundred and ninety five - - - - - - 295.
Samuel B. Dolliver of Grafton had One hundred and eighty five. - - - 185.

	Scatterings	Dolliver	Wing	Total.
Totals - - - - - - - - -	5 -	327 -	619 -	951.

And a certificate of election was filled out for Henry F. Wing of Grafton, Representative elect.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Know all men by these presents - That we L. B. Drury as principal and D. B. Hubbard and Luke T. Drury as sureties - all of Grafton in the County of Worcester, are holden and stand firmly bound unto the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton in the full and just sum of Three Thousand Dollars to be paid unto said Inhabitants of Grafton their successors or assigns. To which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents. -

Sealed with our seals and dated this fourth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and seventynine.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said L. B. Drury has been duly chosen one of the Constables of said Grafton for the year ensuing — and has accepted said office;

Now if the said L. B. Drury as such Constable shall, during the term for which he is elected, faithfully perform the duties of Constable in the service of all civil process which may be committed to him, then this obligation shall be void: otherwise shall remain in full force.

Witness
A. A. Ballou to all.

L. T. Drury L.S.
D. B. Hubbard L.S.
L. B. Drury L.S.

Endorsed as follows -

Approved.
Samil C. Flagg
James G. Putnam
John P. Comby
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Received and entered Dec 5th 1879 - at 2h 30m P.M.
Attest
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

The ballots cast at the last election for State, County and district offices Nov 4th 1879. — were this day destroyed by burning as required by law —

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Grafton Feb 13th 1880

Grafton March 1st 1880.

Annual Meeting

Worcester ss:

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, — Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meete at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the first day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2d To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3d. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committee, and act thereon.

Art 4th To determine the manner of repairing the highways townways and bridges the ensuing year.

Art 5th To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art 6th To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 7th To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year and act thereon.

Art 8th To see what compensation the town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art 9th To see if the town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art 10th To determine where within the town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art 11th To see if the town will cause one of the Church bells in the center of the town to be rung at 12 o'clock M. and at 9 o'clock P.M. or act thereon.

Art 12th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon.

Art 13th To see if the town will abate the uncollected taxes of 1876 and 1877, or act thereon.

Art 14th To see if the town will build a shed on the town farm for a granary and stone house, and make appropriations for the same, or act thereon.

Art 15th To see what action the town will take to encourage manufactures in the town, and act thereon.

Art 16th To see if the town revoke its action whereby it accepted the provisions of Chap 158 of acts of the Legislature of the year 1871. - and act thereon.

Art 17th To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen not to license any one to sell intoxicating liquors, excepting for medicinal or mechanical purposes, or act thereon.

Art 18th To see if the town will instruct their Constables to enforce the liquor law of 1875 in all cases of violation of the same or act thereon.

Art 19th To see if the town will vote to support the County Commissioners to establish at some suitable place, a Trade School for Worcester County, or act thereon.

Art 20th To see what action the town will take in relation to leasing a small piece of land in the rear of the Brick School House at the center to be employed for School purposes or act thereon.

Art 21st To see if the town vote to have its financial year close on the last day of January of each year, or act thereon.

Art 22d To see if the town will provide a hearse with runners or act thereon.

Art 23d To see if the town will amend the vote in relation to choosing the honorary member trustee of the town Library, so that one shall be chosen from the Unitarian society, one from the Orthodox society and one from the Baptist society of Grafton center, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post office in the center of the said town and at the Post office in New England Village, Farnumville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Samuel C. Flagg
James G. Putnam
Wm F. Barker
A G. Putnam
John P. Crosby
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton center, New England Village, Farnumville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding the meeting as therein directed -

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Feb 14th 1880.

A copy of warrant and return.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Grafton legal voters - met at the Town Hall, Monday March 1st 1880. at nine oclock A.M. and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order and the Warrant read by the Town Clerk.
The first article was taken up and S. Davis Hall was elected Moderator, by ballot.
On taking the chair the moderator called on Rev J.A. Weidner who offered prayer.

Took up Art 2d and on motion of R.E. Warren voted to proceed to ballot for town officers as per printed ballot - viz;
Town Clerk - five Selectmen. Treasurer. three Assessors. overseer of Poor - Road Commissioner - School Committee. Common Committee. Trustees of Cemeteries. and seven Constables.
On motion of J.A. Weidner voted to close the Polls at one o'clock P.M.
On motion of A.M Bigelow voted to reconsider the vote whereby voted to close the Polls at 1 P.M. and that they be closed at 12 M. and then take a recess of one hour.
And at 12. M the Polls were closed and the meeting took a recess of one hour.
After recess the votes having been counted were declared as follows; -

Whole number votes for Town Clerk -		245.
Necessary for choice	128.	
A.A. Ballou had		245.
(was sworn by Moderator.)		

Whole number votes for Selectmen			245
Necessary for choice	128.		
Samuel E. Flagg had		sworn by moderator	244
James G. Putnam	"		244
Wm F. Barker	"		238
A.G. Hemiflow	"		245
J.P. Crosby	"		243
H.E. Brooks			2
Henry Warren			1.

Whole number votes for Treasurer — 244.
Necessary for choice 128.
Rufus E. Warren had Sworn by Clerk 241
Joseph A. Dodge 2.
A. A. Ballou 1.

Whole number votes for Assessors — 245
Necessary for choice 128.
Gilbert E. Taft had 245
Barnabas Newton Sworn April 5th 197
Ashley N. Rice Sworn by Moderator, 243
J. B White 40
B. F. Butler 1

Whole number votes for Overseer Poor, 3 years. 245.
Necessary for choice 128.
Erastus Adams had (Sworn by Moderator) 245

Whole number votes for Road Commissioner for 3 years — 245.
Necessary for choice 128.
C. C. Willis had (Sworn by Moderator) 245

Whole number votes for School Committee — for 3 years 239.
Necessary for choice 120.
D. W. Norcross had 225.
A. M. Barret 3.
A. A. Ballou 4.
L. K. Leland 1.
J. B. White 1.
A. M. Bigelow 5.

Whole number votes for Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery (5 years) 231.
Necessary for choice 116.
Henry K Cady had 85
L. K Leland 146.

Whole number votes for Trustee Riverside Cemetery. 245.
Necessary for choice 128.
John B. White for 5 years had 245
James Gleason " 4 " 244.

Whole number votes for Common Committee (3 years) 245
Necessary for choice 128
Jas F. Slocomb has 245.

Whole number votes for Constables 244.

Necessary for a choice 123.

S. Davis Hall had	Sworn by Moderator	241
James Carey	Sworn "	244
Wm G. Fletcher	Sworn "	243
Chas A. Wilcox		244
Chas E. Jennings	Sworn March 20th	210
Wallace W. Keene		244
Ora S. Gibbs	Sworn by Moderator	226
Geo W. Brown		36
A M. Bigelow		1

Took up Art 3d and voted to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Overseers, Road Commissioners and all other officers and Committees, as printed (after an explanation by the Treasurer and Collector.)

Took up Art 4th and on motion of Wm Holbrook voted to leave the repairing of Highways. Town ways & Bridges with the Road Commissioners.

Took up Art 5th and on motion of Daniel C. Flagg voted to raise Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.—) to defray town charges.

On motion Wm Holbrook voted to appropriate Twenty one hundred and thirty five dollars —$2135.— for interest on town debt.

On motion A. M. Bigelow voted to appropriate Five Thousand and five hundred dollars — $5500.— for common Schools.

On motion voted to appropriate Sixteen hundred dollars —$1600.— for High School.

On motion voted to appropriate Thirteen hundred dollars — $1300.— for Fire Department.

On motion Wm Holbrook voted to appropriate Five hundred dollars — $500.— for rent of Town Hall.

On motion A. M. Bigelow voted to appropriate Twenty five hundred dollars — $2500.— for Highways.

On motion J A Windsor voted to appropriate One Hundred dollars and the dog fund, for the Public Library —

On motion J. A. Dodge voted to appropriate Two Hundred dollars $200.— for Street Lights at Grafton center.

On motion A. M. Bigelow voted to appropriate One hundred dollars — $100.— for "Memorial Day"

On motion Henry F. Wing voted that the unappropriated balance — $6065.— be appropriated for miscellaneous town expenses

Took up Art 6th and it was voted to allow no discount on taxes the ensuing year; that all Poll taxes be collected on demand; that all taxes collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next; that all taxes remaining unpaid after that date be subject to an addition of seven per cent per annum until paid, and all legal costs for collecting.
The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the time he shall receive the tax list; and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next.
On motion of Wm Holbrook voted that the compensation of the Collector be fixed by putting it up at auction to the lowest bidder; which was done and they were struck off to D. B. Hubbard at nine tenths of one per cent — — 9/10 of 1% — he being the lowest bidder.

Took up Art 2d and by ballot chose D. B. Hubbard Collector — (D B Hubbard had 84 votes — B Newton had 48 votes)

Took up Art 7th — and voted to leave the fixing of compensation of Sextons, with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 8th and voted that the compensation of Firemen — including the board of Engineers, — be the same as last year — viz — ten dollars each.

Took up Art 9th By vote James C. Kelley's name was added to the list — Jonathan B. Sibley's name was substituted for Ulrich B. Johnsons who had been dropped within three years — Henry Hall in place of Samuel W. Eaton who had left town, and Thos Fitzpatrick in place of Chas L. Leonard who was now serving as Juror. With the foregoing alterations the list was accepted.

Took up Art 10th — And voted the High School be kept at the center of the town.

Took up Art 11th And voted to leave matter with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 12th And voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town.

Took up Art 13th And voted to leave the uncollected taxes of 1876 and 1877. with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 14th And on motion of J. B. White voted to leave the building of a storehouse and granary at the town farm with the Overseers of the Poor to build as they deemed best.

Took up Art 15th — And D. B. Hubbard offered the following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted —

Whereas Finlayson, Bousfield & Co of Johnstone Scotland have purchased a large manufacturing property in New England Village and commenced there the erection of suitable structures for the manufacture of linen thread, — and

Whereas said company intend to invest a large amount of capital in the repair and enlargement of its works. and by so doing contribute greatly to the wealth and prosperity of the town, — and —

And whereas said company finds it necessary to expend large sums of money at the inception of its project without any immediate returns, — therefore

Resolved. that we, the citizens of Grafton in town meeting assembled, cordially, sincerely and unanimously welcome the old Scotch house of Finlayson Bousfield & Co. to our town, and with them a career of long and successful prosperity.

Resolved that we desire to aid said company in every legitimate way in the achievement of its great undertaking and will relieve them of the burden of taxation so far as we have a legal right so to do.

Resolved — That the Town Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to said company through its authorized agents.

Art 16th was passed over — by me —

Took up Art 17th And on motion of John Adams and amended by J. H. Chickering – voted that the Selectmen be instructed to license any one to sell intoxicating liquors, who will pay for a license, and to prosecute all who sell intoxicating liquors without a license.

Art 18th – Voted to pass over.

Art 19th Voted to pass over.

Took up Art 20th And voted to the whole subject be left with the School Committee.

Took up Art 21st – And voted to have the towns financial year close on the last day of January of each year.

Took up Art 22d And voted to leave the subject of providing a hearse with runners, with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 23d And voted to choose three Fence Viewers by nomination.
Chose A. W. Rice, – S. S. Stowe and Perley Goldsmith – who were duly sworn –

Voted to choose ten Field Drivers by nomination,
Chose John P. Hayden, J. H. Chickering, S. S. Stowe (who was sworn) David L. Fiske – E. P. Capron, Geo W. Willis, Frank Nichols Geo Hutchins, Sam Elliot, Chas H. White (sworn March 26th) and Walter S. Bigelow.

Took up Art 3d On motion of C M Batchelder voted to instruct the Assessors to print the Valuation Book for the ensuing year.

On motion John Adams voted to reconsider the vote whereby the meeting voted to pass over Art 18th – and that the Constables be instructed to enforce the Liquor Law of 1875. –

Art 23d – Voted to pass over.

Fork ups Art 17th – On motion of A. M. Begelow voted to reconsider the vote whereby the meeting voted to instruct the Selectmen to license any one who would pay for a license, and that the Selectmen be instructed to license such number of persons to sell intoxicating liquors as in their judgement they deemed best.

On motion of J A. Dodge voted to adjourn till the first Monday in April next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Adjourned –

A true record.

Attest

A. A. Bellows
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 5th 1880.

Adjourned Meeting –

Met pursuant to adjournment.

S. Davis Hall, Moderator, in the Chair.

Fork ups Art 2. The Secretary read a letter from Gilbert C. Taft who declines to serve as Assessor.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint all necessary remaining town officers – except Assessor –

Fork ups Art 5th – Mr Holbrook moved to appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars – $450. – for services of the General School Committee – motion lost

Voted to appropriate twenty five dollars for the care of the Common in Grafton center.

On motion of Dea McClellan voted to request all town officers and committees to give a detailed statement of their accounts yearly.

Voted to raise Two Thousand Dollars – $2000. – additional to meet town expenses.

Voted to leave the letting of the Town Hall with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 9th Voted – at his own request – to excuse Jasper S. Wilson from the list of Jurors, and substitute the name of Horace Batchelor.

Took up Art 2d Voted to proceed to ballot for an Assessor in place G. C. Taft who declined to serve.

Whole number votes for Assessor – 104.

D. W. Stevens has 40

A. G. Kenyon " 64. and was elected.

(Sworn April 5th)

On motion of A. M. Bigelow – with an amendment by Dea McClellan – it was voted to fix the pay of the Road Commissioner at Two dollars ($2.00) per day and the laborers on highways at $1.50 per day.

A letter – a copy of which follows – was read by the Town clerk.

(Copy)

Boston March 11th 1880.

Mr. A. A. Ballou Town Clerk,
Grafton.

Dear Sir,

We have duly received from you a copy of the resolutions in reference to the enterprise of Messrs Finlayson Bousfield & Co at New England Village passed at your town meeting March 1st.
We will see that the same are promptly forwarded to Scotland as requested. As the originators of the plan to manufacture linen thread in Grafton we can but feel highly gratified by the successful preparations so far made for the work as well as by the generous spirit in which the town has met the proposal, – which we assure you, we deeply appreciate. To have induced a firm of the magnitude & standing of Messrs Finlayson Bousfield & Co to plant themselves in Grafton, & thereby permanently identify themselves with the welfare of the town is a sure guarantee of the prosperity of the place.
Accept our sincere thanks for courtesies thus far extended, which we hope to be able to reciprocate, & believe us

Yours faithfully

J R Dresser & Co.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record Attest A. A. Ballou Town Clerk.

Grafton April 5th 1880.

April Meeting -

Worcester ss:

To either of the constables of the town of Grafton — in the County of Worcester — Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of April next at three o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting

Art 2d To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a suitable piece of land for a burial ground for the south part of the town, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town, and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville, and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.
Given under our hands this fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

S. C. Flagg
James G. Fillebrown
Wm T. Barker
A.G. Hemiptow
J. P. Crosby
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at Grafton center New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.
Grafton April 5th 1880.

James Carney - Constable of Grafton.

Copy of Warrant. Attest A. A. Fallon - Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs met at the Town Hall Monday April 5th 1880. at three o'clock P.M. and transacted the following business.
The warrant was read by the Clerk.

Took up Art 1st and chose S. Davis Hall Moderator.

Took up Art 2d. S.E. Crumb moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three to select a suitable piece of land for a burial ground for the South part of the town, and report -
A.M. Bigelow moved an amendment — which was accepted by Mr Crumb — that Geo H. Fisher, L.C. Willis and the board of Selectmen be a committee to select a suitable piece of ground for a burial lot, and purchase the same, if in their judgement they deem best.
And the motion as amended was carried, and the aforenamed gentlemen chosen.
Voted to dissolve the meeting.
A true record.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton April 5th 1880.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made.

Constable - - Geo W. Brown Sworn May 3d.

Bell Ringer - - Edwin A. Howe

Auctioneer - - S. Davis Hall

Sextons - - James Gleason (and) H. K. Leady

Measurers of Wood and Bark — B. Newton
Geo W. Willis
L K Leland Sworn June 8th
H. A. Campbell Sworn May 6th
M E. Kelley Sworn April 20th
Lyman L. Rice
Robt Cunningham — Sworn.

Sealer of Weights (and) Measures - S. L. Leland.

Surveyors of Lumber - J. M. Davenport
Noah Fletcher
Robt Cunningham — sworn.

Weighers of Hay — Geo K Nichols
L. L. Willis
H. A. Campbell Sworn May 5th
L K Leland Sworn June 8th
M E. Kelley Sworn April 20th
Ezekiel Fowler

Measurer of Leather - Henry Mann.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton May 3d 1880.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made,

Fire Engineers - John F. Smith
Asher M. Bigelow
Asa Elliott
Lewis A. Bigelow
Clark C. Willis
Albert L. Fisher

Special Police (under the Tramp Act)
Clark C. Willis
Jonas H. Chickering sworn May 6th
Chas E. Jennings
Albert Bradish sworn May 5th
James Carey sworn May 3d

Lockup Keeper - - James Carey. sworn May 3d

Railroad Police - for Boston & Albany R.R.

C M Campbell	G W Watson
J W Clark	J Hastings
Jas Cunningham	W M Cochran
Frank Davis	F W Foster
R A Daniell	A T. Ray
F A Cook	A G Whittier
Hernan Fay	A H Tucker
Alex Hoyt	A J. Pickins
A G Hyde	H M Bean
David Pierce	John Bean
G A Reed	R B Gardner
J H Russell	J M Ward

For Dummy R.R - E. P. Capron.

An Innholders license was granted James A. Morse, Farnumsville.

Attest

L. A. Ballou
Town clerk.

Copy of Collectors Bond.

Know all men by these presents that we Daniel B. Hubbard of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal and Ashley W. Rice and Edmund F. Wheeler and Samuel H. Knowlton of said Grafton as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney, in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this thirteenth day of May in the year one Thousand eight hundred and eighty.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Daniel B. Hubbard has been chosen Collector of Taxes of said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and has been duly sworn to the discharge of its duties, now if the said Daniel B. Hubbard shall as Collector as aforesaid faithfully render account for and pay over all the taxes which he shall be legally required to collect and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
L. M. Rice
Witness J. H. Glickering
L. J. Forbush

Daniel B. Hubbard L.S.
Ashley W. Rice L.S.
E. F. Wheeler L.S.
Samuel H. Knowlton L.S.

The above bond was accepted by the Selectmen June 7th 1880 and notice given to the Assessors of such acceptance.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton June 7th 1880.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day an Innholders license was granted to James V. Cameron.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Copy of Treasurer's Bond.

Know all men by these presents that we Rufus S. Warren of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal and Horace S. Warren and Samuel C. Flagg of said Grafton, as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton, or its certain attorney, in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the payment of which well & truly to be made, we bind ourselves & our heirs executors & administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seal and dated this first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas said Rufus S. Warren has been chosen Treasurer of said town of Grafton for the current year & has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same;—

now if said Rufus S. Warren shall, as Treasurer as aforesaid, faithfully account for & pay over all moneys by him received & also with diligence & fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then his obligation shall be void,— otherwise it shall remain in full force & virtue.

Executed in presence of
A. A. Ballou
R. & W. H. & W. & S. C. F.

Rufus S. Warren L.S.
Horace S. Warren L.S.
Samuel C. Flagg L.S.

A copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton July 1st 1880.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made –
For Special Police for July 4th – Ckal E. Jennings and A. G. Getchell – (A.G. sworn July 3d)
For Special Constable A. G. Getchell, sworn July 3d.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Worcester ss:

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the second day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, two Special County Commissioners for the County of Worcester, a Sheriff for Worcester County, a District Attorney for the County of Worcester and for four Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Worcester; for a Representative to Congress for the Ninth Congressional District - for a Representative to the General Court for the Third Worcester District - and for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States - and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry S. Rice before the expiration of his term of service -

The votes for all the above Officers will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes on separate ballots, as best suits the voter, each to specify the officer voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at nine o'clock A.M. and may be closed at two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Villages seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

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Given under our hands this fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

Samil C. Flagg
James G. Putnam
William T. Barker
Austin G. Hemenway
John P. Crosby
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Grafton, New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of said meeting as therein directed.

S. Davis Hall
Constable of Grafton

Grafton Oct 30 A 1880

Copy of warrant and return.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall, Tuesday Nov 2nd 1880, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by Samuel C. Flagg Chairman of the board of Selectmen, and the warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Alden M. Bigelow voted that the time for closing the Polls be three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairman then declared the Polls open ready to receive ballots.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, no objection being made, the Polls were closed, the votes counted and the result announced by the Town Clerk as follows:-

-See next page-

For Electors of President and Vice President - At Large.

Paul A. Chadbourne of Williamstown had three hundred and seventy five - 375.
John M. Forbes of Milton had three hundred and seventy five 375.
Josiah G. Abbott of Boston had one hundred and fifteen 115.
James H. French of Gloucester had one hundred and fifteen 115.
Eugene J. Flaherty of Boston had nine 9.
Herbert B. Rowley of Shelburne Falls had nine 9.

First District.

Marshall S. Underwood of Dennis had three hundred and seventy five 375
Philander Cobb of Kingston had one hundred and fifteen 115
Alexander Harvey of Middleboro had nine 9.

Second District.

William S. Lovering of Taunton had three hundred and seventy five 375.
Peter Butler of Quincy had one hundred and fifteen 115.
Henry Gardner of Braintree had nine 9.

Third District.

Moody Merrill of Boston had three hundred and seventy five 375.
Edward B. Rankin of Boston had one hundred and fifteen 115.
Peter O'Neil Larkin of Boston had nine 9.

Fourth District

Rufus S. Frost of Chelsea had three hundred and seventy five 375
Charles Devens Wadsworth of Boston had one hundred and fifteen 115.
Benjamin S. Lovering of Chelsea had nine 9.

Fifth District.

Amos F. Breed of Lynn had three hundred and seventy five 375.
Christopher C. Rymes of Somerville had one hundred and fifteen 115.
John M. Dennis of Boston had nine 9.

Sixth District.

Augustus N. Clark of Beverly had three hundred and seventy five. 375.
James H. Carleton of Haverhill had one hundred and fifteen. 115.
Luther Day of Haverhill had nine 9.

Seventh District.

Francis Jewett of Sewell had three hundred and seventy five 375.
John C. Barbour of Lawrence had one hundred and fifteen 115.
Hiram M. Cashman of Lawrence had nine 9.

Eighth District.

James M. W. Hall of Cambridge had three hundred and seventy five 375.
Everett Sallendall of Newton had one hundred and fifteen 115.
Theodore N. Sherman of Milford had nine 9.

Ninth District.

Charles L. Whiting of Northbridge had three hundred and seventy five 375.
Edwin Conant of Worcester had one hundred and fifteen. 115.
John Power of Worcester had nine 9.

Tenth District.

William B. C. Pearsons of Holyoke had three hundred and seventy five 375.
Nahum Harwood of Leominster had one hundred and fifteen. 115
William C. Johnson of Fitchburg had nine 9

Eleventh District.

William C. Plunkett of Adams had three hundred and seventy five 375.
Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield had one hundred and fifteen. 115.
Theodore Hess of Westfield had nine. 9.

For Governor.

John D. Long of Hingham had three hundred and seventy seven 377.
Charles R. Thompson of Gloucester had one hundred and thirteen 113.
Horace Binney Sargent of Salem had nine 9.

For Lieutenant Governor.

Byron Weston of Dalton had three hundred and seventy eight 378.
Alpha S. Thompson of Athens had one hundred and twelve 112
George Dutton of Springfield had nine 9

For Secretary of State

Henry B. Peirce of Abington had three hundred and seventy eight 378.
Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville had one hundred and eleven 111.
Jonathan Arnold of North Abington had nine 9.

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had three hundred and seventy eight 378
Francis J. Parker of Newton had one hundred and twelve 112.
Wilbur F. Whitney of Ashburnham had nine. 9.

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield has three hundred and seventy eight	378.
Charles R. Field of Greenfield has one hundred and twelve	112.
Charles F. Warner of Northampton has nine	9.

For Attorney General.

George Marston of New Bedford has Three hundred and seventy eight.	378.
Patrick A. Collins of Boston has one hundred and twelve	112.
Israel N. Andrews of Danvers has nine	9.

For Representative to Congress - Ninth District.

William W. Rice of Worcester has three hundred and seventy eight -	378.
Matthew J. McCafferty of Worcester has one hundred and eleven.	111.
Aaron B. Brown of Worcester has twelve	12.

For Councillor - Second District.

William O. Taylor of Boston has Three hundred and seventy eight.	378.
Henry L. Pales of Milford has one hundred and twelve.	112.
Warren Pierce of West Boylston (Seventh district) has one	1.

For Sheriff of Worcester County.

Augustus B. B. Sprague of Worcester had four hundred and eight	408.
Henry L. Butterworth of Brookfield has eighty four	84.
John L. Davenport of Worcester has eight	8.

For District Attorney - Middle District.

Hamilton B. Staples of Worcester has Three hundred and sixty nine -	369.
John Hopkins of Millbury has one hundred and sixteen	116.
Henry L. Hersey of Carlton has nine	9.

For County Commissioners

William O. Brown of Fitchburg has Three hundred and seventy six	376.
George L. Duell of Brookfield (to fill vacancy) has three hundred and seventy five	375.
William A. Hardy of Fitchburg has one hundred and twelve	112.
Charles H. Wild of Southbridge (to fill vacancy) has one hundred and twelve	112.
Thaddeus Leonard of Grafton (3 years) has eleven	11.
David Fenick of Worcester (2 ") has nine	9.

For Special County Commissioners.

Bethuel Ellis of Winchendon has Three hundred and seventy eight.	378.
L. Davis Hall of Grafton has three hundred and sixty eight.	368.
Henry J. Shattuck of Barre has one hundred and thirteen	113.
Benjamin B. Towne of Westboro has one hundred and twelve	112.

For Commissioner of Insolvency

David H. Merriam of Fitchburg had three hundred and seventy eight	378
Charles Field of Athol had three hundred and seventy eight.	378.
William R. Briggs of Worcester had three hundred and seventy eight.	378.
John M. Cochran of Northbridge had three hundred and seventy eight.	378.
Leander L. Lynde of Gardner had one hundred and twelve	112.
John H. Corcoran of Clinton had one hundred and twelve	112.
George L. Parker of Milford had one hundred and twelve	112.
Charles L. Jencks of Northbridge had one hundred and twelve	112.

For Senator — Second Worcester District.

William Abbott of Douglas had three hundred and seventy eight	378.
Charles C. Capron of Upbridge had one hundred and twelve	112.
Leander B. Nurse of Athol (fourth district) had one	1.

For Representative to Legislature, District #3.

George F. Searles of Northbridge had Three hundred and seventy five	375.
John C. Taft of Northbridge had one hundred and thirteen.	113.
Charles Bigelow of Grafton had seven	7.
Leonard F. Gaskell of Blackstone had one (dist #1.)	1.

After which the returns were made up. signed and sealed in open meeting and the meeting adjourned.

A true record Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Grafton and Northbridge at Grafton Wednesday Nov 3d 1880. at 12 o'clock M. upon examination of the Selectmen's certificates it was found that George F. Searles of Northbridge was elected Representative to General Court from the Third Worcester District —

The vote of the District being as follows: —

	George F. Searles	John C. Taft	Charles Bigelow	Athol Teacher	Leonard F. Gaskell
Grafton —	375	113.	7.		1.
Northbridge —	358	206		6.	
	733.	319.	7.	6.	1.

A true record — Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Grafton Nov 16th 1880.

We hereby certify that we have togather perambulated the lines between Grafton and Shrewsbury in compliance with the statutes and found the monuments in proper position and legally marked at all angles and upon all public roads, excepting at the northwest end of the line at its junction with the line between Worcester and Shrewsbury, where no monument could be found — it being the same point refered to in our certificate in relation to the Worcester lines and monuments.

Oliver B Hyman } Selectmen
Sumner Stockwell } of Shrewsbury

Samil C. Flagg } Selectmen
Jame G. Putnam } of Grafton

A copy Attest. A. A. Ballou
Townclerk

Worcester Nov 3d 1880.

We hereby certify that we have togather perambulated the lines between Grafton and Worcester in compliance with the statute and have found the monuments in proper position and legally marked at all angles and upon all public roads excepting at the northernmost end of the line at its junction with the line between Shrewsbury and Worcester where no monument could be found, it being the same point refered to in our certificate in relation to the Shrewsbury lines and monuments.

Samuel C. Flagg } Selectmen
James G. Putnam } of Grafton

C. Ballard } Appointed
J. D. Lovell } for Worcester.

A copy Attest
A. A. Ballou
Townclerk

Agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Westboro to the Selectmen of Grafton to perambulate the lines between said towns, we the subscribers, met this day for the purpose and then proceeded to examine the several monuments erected at the angles and road crossings on the lines between said towns, and we hereby certify that we have made all necessary repairs and renewals of the marks pertaining to said monuments as required by law.

Westboro Nov 18th 1880.

B. B. Source for Selectmen
of Westboro by appointment.

James G. Putnam } Selectmen
S. C. Flagg } Grafton.

A copy Attest
A. A. Ballou Townclerk.

Grafton Mass Nov 18th 1880.

This certifies that we the Selectmen of Grafton and the Selectmen of Northbridge have this day perambulated the town boundaries between Grafton and Northbridge and find them in good order.

David C. Flagg
J. G. Putnam
A. G. Hemptow
J. O. Crosby
} Selectmen of Grafton.

D. L. M. Smith
Geo M. Blanchard
} Selectmen of Northbridge.

A copy Attest

A. A. Ballou
Townclerk.

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Grafton Mass Nov 18th 1880.

This certifies that we the Selectmen of Grafton and the Selectmen of Upton have this day peramubulated the town boundaries between Grafton and Upton and find them in good order with the exception of the one that is in the pond below B. A. Jourdans.

Samul C. Flagg
J. P. Crosby
A. G. Kempton
} Selectmen of Grafton

Thos J. Hall
B. A. Jourdan
} Selectmen of Upton.

A copy Attest

A. A. Bellows.
Town clerk.

Grafton Mass; Nov 9th 1880.

This certifies that we the Selectmen of Millbury and the Selectmen of Grafton have this day peramubulated the town boundaries between Millbury and Grafton and found them all in good order —

J. P. Crosby
A. G. Kempton
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Samuel E. Hall
A. H. Greenwood
} Selectmen of Millbury

A copy Attest

A. A. Bellows
Town clerk

Grafton Feb 28th 1881

The ballots cast for National State, County and District Offices at the election held Nov 2nd 1880, were, without being opened destroyed by me by burning This day -

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the seventh day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art 3rd To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Art 4th To determine the manner of repairing the highways town ways and bridges the ensuing year.

Art 5th To raise such sum of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art 6th To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon.

Art 7th To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 8th To see what compensation the town will allow firemen the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Art 9th To see if the town will accept the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box - or act thereon,

Art 10th To determine where within the town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.

Art 11th To see if the town will cause one of the Church bells in the center of the town to be rung at 12 o'clock M. and at 9 o'clock P.M. or act thereon.

Art 12th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon.

Art 13th To see if the town will enlarge and remodel their Almshouse to such a capacity as will better accommodate their poor.

Art 14th To see if the town will revoke its action whereby it accepted the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of the year Legislature of the year 1871 - and act thereon.

Art 15th To see if the town will vote refund to the Washington Mills Emery Manufacturing Company the amount of illegally assessed tax paid by said company to the town collector in 1879 -

Art 16th To see if the town will cause to be constructed a suitable watering place for horses, near the residence of S. Packard.

Art 17th To see if the will rebuild the wall on the north side of the road leading from New England Village to Worcester and adjoining land of Fridaysons, Bousfield &c.

Art. 18th To see if the town will choose five Trustees for the new Cemetery at Fanningville, or act thereon.

Art 19th To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to pay all bills for fencing, grading, laying out drives &c. at the new Cemetery at Fanningville, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town, and at the Post Office in New England Village, Fanningville, Saunders Village, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

— over —

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Samuel C. Flagg
James G. Peters
William T. Barker
Austin G. Hempton
John P. Crosby
Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post office at Grafton center, New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding the said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Feb 18th 1881.

A copy of Warrant and Return.
Attest
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters met of Grafton met at the town hall Monday March 7th 1881. at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.
The Town Clerk called the meeting to order and read the town warrant.
S. Davis Hall was chosen Moderator, and upon taking the chair invited Rev P. J. Smith to offer prayer.

Took up Art 18th And voted to choose five Trustees for the new cemetery at Farnumsville.

Took up Art 2d- J. B. Sibley moved to choose the town officers on separate ballots-
Alden M. Bigelow moved to amend by choosing the Clerk Selectmen, Treasurer, Assessors, Overseer of Poor, Road Commissioner, School Committee, Trustees of Riverside and Pine Grove Cemeteries, Committee on Common and six Constables on one ballot-
Amendment accepted and the motion carried as amended.

Proceeded to ballot for the aforenamed officers in legal form.

At 11-35 o'clock A.M. on motion of Mr. Bradish voted to close the Polls.

On motion F.J. Hall voted to ballot for five Trustees for the new Cemetery at Francisville. - which was done while the votes of the first ballot were being counted - with the following result.

Whole number of votes - - - - - - - 28.

George W. Fisher	for 5 years	had	28
A. L. Fisher	" 4 "	"	28
C. C. Willis	" 3 "	"	28
W. B. Maxwell	" 2 "	"	28
F. A. Hall	" 1 "	"	28

and they were declared elected.

At 12-55. A.M. the result of the first ballot was declared by the Moderator and was as follows:

Whole number votes for Town Clerk	179.
Necessary for a choice	90.
A. A. Ballou had	178.
D. W. Sorenson "	1.

A. A. Ballou was duly sworn by Moderator.

For Selectmen.

Whole number of votes	179
Necessary for a choice	90.
Samuel C. Flagg had	160.
B. F. Gibson	176
D. W. Sorenson	170
A. G. Hempton	178
S. A. Bigelow	174
David N. Gibbs	5
James G. Putnam	7
J. A. Dodge	1
J. P. Crosby	1
Henry Mann	2
F. Baldwin	2
L. S. David	1

and Messrs Flagg, Gibson, Sorenson, Hempton and Bigelow were declared elected and afterward sworn by Moderator.

For Treasurer.

Whole number votes	178.
Necessary for choice	90.
Rufus L. Warren had	178.

Sworn by Moderator.

For Assessors

Whole number votes	179.
Necessary for choice	90.
Jno. H. Ward had	82
D. W. Sawyer	170
D. B Stubbard	177
Ashley H. Rice Sworn Mar 13th	97
B. Newton	3.
Albert L. Fisher	1

Messrs. Sawyer Stubbard and Rice were elected - and Mess Sawyer and Stubbard S.C. Mod.r were sworn by the Moderator and Town Clerk

For Overseer Poor for 3 years.

Whole number votes	179.
J. B. Libby had	179.-

and was sworn by Moderator

For Road Commissioner for 3 years.

Whole number votes	179.
George F. Cole had	179.

and was sworn by Moderator.

For School Committee

Whole number votes	173
Necessary for choice	87.
P. J. Smith had	169
W. L. Rice	1.
M. Agnes Dalrymple	1.
L. M. Sargent	1.
J. H. Windsor	1.

For Trustee Riverside Cemetery

Whole number votes	179.
Gilbert L. Tafft	179.

For Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery

Whole number votes	178.
William D. Mason Jr. had	178.

For Committee on Common.

Whole number of votes		177.
Necessary for a choice		90.
A. A. Ballou	3 years had	178.
Henry F. Wing	2 "	179.
D. W. Norcross		1.

For Constables.

Whole number votes			177.
Necessary for choice			90
S. D. Hall	had	Sworn by Town Clerk Mar 7th	175
William C. Fletcher	"	" " "	179
James Carney	"	" " "	178.
Charles E. Jennings	"	" " " 15th	179
George H. Brown	"	" Office 25	175
Oras S. Gibbs	"	" " 4th	178
L. H. Davis			3.
E. B. Potter			3.

Voted to take a recess until 1 o'clock P.M.

At 1 o'clock P.M. resumed business under Art 2d - and voted to choose three Fence Viewers by nomination. Chose Silas Tinton. Ashley W. Rice and S. E. Stowe.

Voted to choose ten Field Drivers by nomination.
Chose - Edward Ford, Geo S. Coe - Geo B. Brooks
Marshall Goulding - Winthrop Faulkner. D. W. Norcross Sworn Mar 28th '81.
Lewis Buxton - Jonas A. Chickering, Noah K. Mennum
James Carney - Sworn Mar 28th '81

Voted that the appointing of all other necessary town officers be left with the Selectmen

Took Art 3d. Mr. Bradish moved to accept the town reports in gross - motion not carried.

Voted to accept	Selectmen's	Report as printed
Voted to accept	Treasurer's	Report as printed
Voted to accept	Collector's	Report as printed
Voted to accept	Overseers'	Report as printed
Voted to accept	Road Com'rs	Report as printed
Voted to accept	Engineers'	Report as printed

Voted to accept the Riverside Cemetery (Trustees) Report as printed.
Voted to accept Trustees Pine Grove Cemetery Report as printed
Voted to accept Bank Agents' Report as printed
Voted to accept Common Committees Report as printed
Voted to accept Registrar's Report as printed
Voted to accept Library Trustees Report as printed
Voted to accept School Committees Report as printed

Took up Art 9th The name of Benjamin F. Gibson was substituted for that of Abram L. Gurney, drawn since the list was made out — and with this change, the printed list of Jurors was accepted and adopted.

Took up Art 14th and voted to leave the whole matter with the Road Commissioners.

Took up Art 5th — On motion Dea J. McClellan voted to raise Twenty two thousand dollars — $22,000. — to defray town charges the ensuing year.

On motion of H. F. Wing voted to appropriate Two thousand and eighty five dollars — $2085. — for interest on town debt.
On motion of P. Y. Smith voted to appropriate Five Thousand and seven hundred dollars — $5700. — for Common Schools.

On motion J. McClellan voted that the appropriation for the High School be Sixteen hundred dollars. — $1600. —

Voted that the appropriation for the Fire Department be Thirteen hundred and fifty dollars. — $1350. —

Voted that the appropriation for rent of Town Hall be Five hundred dollars — $500. —

Voted that the appropriation for Highways be Twenty-five hundred dollars — $2500. —

Voted that the appropriation for the Free Public Library be One hundred dollars — $100. — and the dog fund.

Voted that the appropriation for the Common be fifty dollars — $50. —

Voted that the appropriation for Street Lights be two hundred dollars — $200. —

Voted that the appropriation for Memorial Day be one hundred dollars — $100. —

Voted that the unappropriated balance — $7815. — be appropriated to pay all other necessary town charges

Took up Art 6th Voted to allow no discount on taxes the ensuing year: that all Poll taxes be collected on demand: that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next: that all taxes remaining unpaid after that date be subject to an addition of seven per cent per annum until paid and all legal costs for collecting.
The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the time he shall receive the tax list: and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next.

Voted that the collecting of taxes be put up at auction & be sold to the lowest bidder — which was done and they were struck off to Barnabas Newton at nine tenths of one per cent — 9/10 of 1 pr ct — he being the lowest bidder.

On motion B. Newton voted to confer on the Collector the powers possessed by a Treasurer when acting as Collector.

Took up Art 9th And chose Barnabas Newton Collector from April 1st 1881.

Art 7th was left with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 8th And voted that the pay of firemen and engineers be ten dollars each.

Took up Art 10th And voted to have the High School kept at the center district the ensuing year.

Took up Art 11th And voted that the Selectmen cause one of the Church bells at the center to be rung at 12 o'clock M. and 9 o'clock P.M.

Took up Art 12th And voted to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen for the use of the town.

Took up Art 13th And motion of J. B. Selby voted - That the Selectmen be a committee to confer with with the Overseers of the Poor and make such investigation in the matter as will cause a plan and estimates to be made and report at our adjourned meeting.

Took up Art 15th And on motion of Allen M. Bigelow voted that when Mr. Crocker satisfies the board of Selectmen that he has paid the amount of tax assessed and collected by the town of Grafton, to the state the same be refunded

Took up Art 16th And on motion of S.H. Knowlton voted to leave the whole matter with the Road Commissioners,

Took up Art 17th On motion of J.H. Chickering voted to leave the matter of rebuilding the wall with the Selectmen.

Took up Art 17th On motion of J. A. Dodge voted to leave the matter of fencing grading &c with the Selectmen and Trustees to act as in their judgement they deem best.

Took up Art 17th Geo K Nichols moved that the Road Commissioners be associated with the Selectmen in repairing the walls referred to and that the cost of such repairs be paid out of the sum appropriated for highways.

L M. Batchelor moved as an amendment to reconsider the vote whereby the meeting voted to leave the matter with the Selectmen - and the amendment was carried. After some discussion - on motion of D B Hubbard, the whole subject was laid on the table to be taken up at the April meeting.

S. W. Sargent presented some resolutions on the liquor question which the town adopted in 1878. and moved that the same resolutions be re-adopted and that the Selectmen be instructed to prosecute all violations of the liquor law. The motion was carried. - and the meeting then voted to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars - $500. - to enable the Selectmen to carry out the foregoing vote.

Resolutions presented by Mr. Sargent.

"Resolved - That we the citizens of the town of Grafton, in town meeting assembled do hereby express our conviction that it is inexpedient to grant licenses to any person or persons to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage within said town."

"Resolved - That we respectfully entreat the honorable board of Selectmen to refuse all license whatsoever, except for strictly medicinal and mechanical purposes."

Adjourned to meet on the first Monday in April next, at one o'clock P.M. -

A true record -

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton March 8th 1881.

At a meeting of the Selectmen this day James Carney was appointed Special Constable and Keeper of Lockups - and was duly sworn by the Town Clerk

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton March 28th 1881.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made- viz:

Weighers of Hay, Coal &c and Measurers of Wood and Bark.
S. K. Leland
Maurice L. Kelley
Charles L. Bowen Sworn May 3d 1881.
Austin G. Kempton
Hamington L. Nichols. Sworn April 30th 1881. as weigher only
Curtis & Nichols " " " " " "

Sealer of Weights and Measures - Samuel S. Leland.

Surveyors of Lumber. -
J. M. Davenport.
Robert Cunningham

Sextons - James Gleason and Henry K. Cady.

Measurer of Upper Leather - Henry Mann.

Bell Ringer - Edwin A. Howe.

Auctioneer - S. Davis Hall.

Pound Keeper - James Carney Sworn Mch 28th '81.

A true record
Attest
A. A. Bullou
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 4th 1881.

Adjourned Annual Meeting.
Met pursuant to adjournment - Meeting called to order by S. D. Hall - Moderator.

Took up Art 13th Mr. Flagg chairman board of Selectmen and Mr. Sibley, chairman board Overseers Poor - made verbal reports concerning alterations and additions needed at the Almshouse. The reports were accepted.

On motion J. G. Putnam voted - informally - to sell the town farm.

On motion J. B. Sibley voted to request the Selectmen to call a town meeting as soon as possible, to see if the town will sell their town farm and purchase another place suitable for an Almshouse.

Took up Art 17. R. E. Warren chairman board Road-commissioners stated that in the opinion of the commissioners the wall should be repaired as presently located. - and on motion voted to leave the whole matter of repairing with the Road Commissioners.

Took up Art 5. On motion Alden M. Bigelow voted that the one hundred dollars appropriated for "Memorial Day" be paid to the person delegated by the Grand Army Post, to draw the same.

Voted to adjourn -

A true record - Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the eighteenth day of April 1881, at 3 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will vote to sell their town farm and personal property on farm or act thereon.

Art 3rd To see if the town will vote to purchase a place suitable for an Almshouse - or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up and attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Saml C. Flagg
D. H. Bigelow
B. F. Gibson
D. H. Norcross
} Selectmen of Grafton

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at Grafton Center, New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton April 12th 1881.

A copy of Warrant and return. Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 18th 1881.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall at 3 o'clock P.M. and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Took up Art 1st and chose J. B. Sibley Moderator - who declined - Then chose Alden M. Bigelow, Moderator.

Took up Art 2d - S. G. Stowe moved to pass over the article which he afterward withdrew.

A. A. Ballou offered the following motion - That the town sell its town farm and purchase and fit up another place suitable for an Almshouse; and that the Chairman of the board of Overseers - J. B. Sibley - the Chairman of the board of Selectmen - S. G. Flagg - and the Chairman of the board of Assessors - A. W. Rice - be a committee to sell said farm; also to purchase another place with power to build, repair or alter and fit up the same for an Almshouse, at such time within one year as they shall deem for the best interest of the town, The purchase money together with all the repairs and alterations on the new purchase, shall not exceed in cost the amount of money raised from the sale of the farm now owned by the town.

Mr. Stowe moved to amend the last part of the last clause so that it shall read - "shall not exceed in cost the amount of six thousand dollars - $6000.00 -".

The amendment was accepted by the maker of the motion.

D. L. Fiske moved to pass over the article - motion lost.

The Chairman then stated that as the motion of Mr. Ballou seemed to embrace both the second and third articles of the warrant, he should take the liberty to divide it and put that part of it which had reference to selling the present farm, first. No objection being made he called for a vote and the meeting voted to sell the farm.

Took up Art 3d and the remaining part of the motion of Mr Ballou as amended by Mr. Stowe, was put and carried.

D. B. Hubbard asked leave to offer the following resolution — leave was granted.

"Resolved — That it is expedient for the Librarian of the Town Library to procure the publication of a new catalogue of the Library at the expense of the town and that the Selectmen should authorize such publication."

Voted (informally) to adopt the resolution, when the meeting was dissolved.

A true record. Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 18th 1881.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following named gentlemen were appointed a board of Fire Engineers —

Solon F. Smith.
Alden M. Bigelow
Hiram Elliot
Lewis H. Bigelow
Clark C. Willis
Albert L. Fisher.

Innholders licenses were granted to W. W. Cameron, J. F. Cameron and James A. Morse.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Bond

Know all men by these presents that we Rufus S. Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal, and Horace S. Warren and Samuel G. Flagg of said Grafton as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain Attorney, in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Rufus S. Warren has been chosen Treasurer of said town of Grafton for the current year, and has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same - Now if the said Rufus S. Warren shall as Treasurer as aforesaid, faithfully account for and pay over all monies by him received, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue.

Witness Ellen S. Warren	Rufus S. Warren	L.S.
Witness A. A. Ballou	Horace S. Warren	L.S.
Witness A. A. Ballou	Samuel G. Flagg	L.S.

A copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Endorsement.

Approved April 4. 1881.

D. W. Forehand

L. A. Bigelow

B. F. Gibson

Collectors Bond.

Know all men by these presents that we Barnabas Newton of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal - and Samuel C. Flagg and Silas Viriton of said Grafton as sureties are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney in the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents,

Signed and dated this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred eighty one.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Barnabas Newton has been chosen the Collector of taxes for said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the faithful duties of the same -

Now if the said Barnabas Newton shall as collector aforesaid faithfully collect account for and pay over all the taxes which he shall be legally required to collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office then this obligation shall be void otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Signed in presence of

A. A. Ballou to B. N. & S. C. F.

J. E. Sheridan

Barnabas Newton L.S.

Samuel C. Flagg L.S.

Silas Viriton L.S.

A copy Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

Endorsement.

Approved April 4th 1881.

D. W. Sorenson

L. A. Bigelow

B. F. Gibson

Fourth Class Licence No. 1. 1881-82.

To sell Intoxicating Liquors of any kind not to be drunk on the premises.

This is to certify that the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton have granted a Licence to David White doing business in Warren Block in said Grafton to sell, or expose or keep for sale until May 1st 1882 Intoxicating Liquors of any kind not to be drunk on the premises.

This Licence is granted and accepted upon the express condition that the person or persons above licensed shall, in all respects fulfill and conform to all the requirements of Chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875 and any Act in amendment thereto, and that in case of any breach of either of said requirements this Licence shall become null and void.

In witness whereof the undersigned have hereunto affixed their official signatures this twenty-ninth day of April, A.D. 1881.

Samuel C. Flagg
Chairman of Board of Selectmen.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

A copy - Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Know all men by these presents that we David White of the town of Grafton and County of Worcester, as principal, and John B. White of said town and county, as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the town of Grafton in the penal sum of One Thousand Dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our legal representatives.

Signed with our seals this 29th day of April A.D. 1881.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden David White has this day been duly licensed by Licence No 1. by the Board of Selectmen of said town of Grafton in said County of Worcester, now if the said David White shall well and truly comply with all the provisions of the Act under which said licence is issued, and also shall pay all damages which shall be recovered from him under and pursuant to the provisions of said Act then this bond to be void, otherwise of full force in the law

Executed in presence of
W. Faulkner.

David White L.S.
John B. White L.S.

over

Approved

Rufus L. Warner Treas

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Class 14. Licens $50.—

Grafton April 30th 1881.

A copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton May 5th 1881.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day an Innholders license was granted to B. F. Sibley

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton May 19th 1881.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day A. A. Ballou was chosen ~~to be~~ Collector of Taxes for the current year — also to collect the uncollected taxes of 1879 — in place of Barnabas Newton, deceased, with the same powers as are conferred on the Treasurer when acting as collector, and was duly sworn to the performance of such duties.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty third day of May 1881 at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will rescind their vote whereby they voted April 18th 1881. to sell their town farm — or act thereon.

Art 3rd To see if the town will rescind their vote whereby they voted April 18th 1881. to purchase and fit up a place for their Almshouse — or act thereon.

Art 4th To see if the town will enlarge their Almshouse for the better accommodation of their poor — or act thereon.

Art 5th To see if the town will sustain the Selectmen in granting liquor licenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town, and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

David C. Flagg
Austin F. Hemptow
D. W. Sorenson
B. F. Gibson
L. A. Bigelow

Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at Grafton center New England Village, Farmersville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton May 17th 1881—

A copy of Warrant and return.
Attest
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall Monday May 23d 1881 at 2. o'clock P.M. and transacted business as follows;
The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk.
Took up Art 1st and S. D. Hall was chosen Moderator.

Took up Art 2nd and on motion Mr. Thurber voted to rescind the vote whereby the town voted April 18th 1881. to sell their Town farm.

Took up Art 3d and on motion Mr. Thurber voted to rescind the vote whereby the town voted April 18th 1881. to purchase and fit up a place for an Almshouse.

Took up Art 4th Dea. McClellan moved that we enlarge our Almshouse at an expense not exceeding three Thousand dollars — $3000.—
Mr. Sibley moved to amend by making the sum thirty five hundred dollars — $3500.— which was voted.
The motion as amended was then put and carried.

Dea. McClellan moved that the Overseers of the Poor be a committee to make the repairs and alterations on the Almshouse.
P. J. Smith moved to amend by adding the Selectmen to the committee. Amendment accepted.
Mr. Flagg moved to make the committee five and this amendment was accepted — and by vote A. H. Rice and

Daniel C. Flagg, with the Board of Overseers of the Poor, were made the committee.

Took up's Art 5th J.H. Winder moved to reaffirm the request of last March. That the Selectmen grant no licenses to sell intoxicating liquors. — the motion was withdrawn —
And Mr Chickering moved that we take a vote by ballot useing the check list.
Mr. Winder moved to amend by having the roll called and each voter answering yea or nay — amendment lost —
And Mr. Chickering's motion was carried
Whole vote 186 — yea 83 — Nay 103.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town clerk.

This is to certify that the Board of Selectmen of the town of Grafton have granted a license to Ezra Moore, living at New England Village in said Grafton, to keep a Billiard Table in his dwelling house in said New England Village.
This license is granted and accepted upon the express condition that the person or persons above licensed shall, in all respects, fulfill, and conform to, all the requirements of Chapter 88. of the General Statutes of Massachusetts and any Act in amendment thereto, and that in case of any breach of either of said requirements this license shall become null and void.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton June 6th 1881.

A copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town clerk.

Collector's Bond

Know all men by these presents that we A. A. Ballou of Grafton, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as principal - and Luke F. Allen and Winthrop Faulkner both of said Grafton - as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney, in the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and our heirs executor and administrator firmly by these presents.

Signed and dated this thirteenth day of May A.D. 1881-

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said A. A. Ballou has been appointed by the Selectmen of said Grafton, Collector of Taxes for said Grafton for the current year, and has accepted that office and has been duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the same; - Now if the said A. A. Ballou shall as collector aforesaid faithfully collect, account for and pay over all the taxes which he shall be legally required to collect, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise shall remain in full force and virtue.

Witness F. W. McGarry — A. A. Ballou L.S.
Luke F. Allen L.S.

Witness F. W. McGarry — Winthrop Faulkner L.S.

Approved May 23d '81

A. G. Kempton
L. A. Bigelow
B. F. Gibson
S. G. Flagg
D. W. Nowers

A copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

Grafton Sept 1881.

S. Davis Hall was this day appointed by the Selectmen a Probation Officer under Chapter 127 of Acts of 1880.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Boston and Albany Railroad Police Officers.
appointed by the Board of Police Commissioners and approved by the Selectmen of Grafton:

A. G. Hyde
J. Hastings
W. M. Corcoran
D. Pierce
F. Davis
T. H. Cook
J. Cunningham
A. H. Tucker
F. W. Foster
A. F. Ray
G. W. Watson
G. A. Reed
A. G. Whitten
A. Bryt
R. N. Daniell
H. Fay
J. H. Russell
A. J. Pickens
H. M. Bean
J. M. Hoods
J. Bean
R. B. Gardner
E. Patrick
E. A. Howes
E. Holland
F. P. Tibbetts
P. Gardner
L. M. Rand
F. Mills
F. A. Rice
E. B. Foye
E. F. Palmer

A copy

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the eighth day of Nov^r next at half past eight o'clock A. M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will choose a committee to represent the town before the next Legislature in regard to the Sewage of the city of Worcester and the pollution of the Blackstone River and its tributaries, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Saml C. Flagg
Austin G. Kempton
D. W. Norcross
B. F. Gibson
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton Center, New England Village Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

Saml Carey
Constable of Grafton

Grafton Oct 25th 1881.

A copy of Warrant and Return
Attest.

A. A. Bellows
Town Clerk

Grafton Nov 8th 1881.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall at 8-30 o'clock A.M. this day and transacted the following business.

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order and read the warrant. Took up Article 1st and chose Henry F. Wing Moderator.

Took up Article 2nd and chose by ballot D. B. Hubbard Geo H. Fisher and Warren B. Maxwell a committee to represent the town before the next Legislature in regard to the Sewage of the city of Worcester and the pollution of the Blackstone River.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

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Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the eighth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester for a Special County Commissioner for the County of Worcester to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bethuel Ellis of Winchendon - for a District Attorney for the Middle District to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hamilton B. Staples - for a Clerk of the Courts for the County of Worcester - for a Representative to the Massachusetts General Court for the Third Worcester District, and on the "Amendment to the Constitution" as provided for by Chapter 57 of the Resolves of the Legislature of 1851.-

The votes for all the above officers will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes on separate ballots as best suits the voter, each to specify the officer voted for.

The votes for the "Amendment to the Constitution" to be on a separate ballot.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at nine o'clock A.M. and may be closed at two o'clock P.M.

And you are requested to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

Samuel C. Flagg
D. N. Morrison
Austin G. Hampton
B. F. Gibson

Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton Center, New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carey
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Oct 25th 1881.

A copy of Warrant and Return.
Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall Tuesday Nov 8th 1881 at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

The meeting was called to order by Samuel C. Flagg Chairman of the board of Selectmen, and the warrant was read by the Town Clerk after which the chairman announced that the Polls were open and voting began.

On motion voted to close the Polls at two o'clock P.M.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the Polls were closed, the votes counted and declared as follows;

For Governor

John D. Long of Hingham had one hundred and sixty one	161
Charles R. Thaxter of Gloucester had forty seven	47
Israel H. Andrews of Danvers had seventeen	17
Whole vote — 225.	

For Lieutenant Governor.

Byron Weston of Dalton had one hundred and sixty three	163
James M. Carleton of Haverhill had forty seven	47
George Dutton of Springfield had seventeen	17
Whole vote — 227.	

For Secretary of State

Henry B. Peirce of Abington had one hundred and sixty three	163
Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville had forty seven	47
Jaime B. Brown of Worcester had seventeen	17
Whole vote — 227.	

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford had one hundred and sixty three	163.
William A. Hodges of Quincy had forty seven	47
George Foster of Lynn had seventeen	17
Whole vote — 227.	

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield had one hundred and sixty three	163.
Charles R. Field of Greenfield had forty seven	47
Wilbur F. Whitney of Ashburnham had seventeen	17
Whole vote — 227.	

For Attorney General

George Marston of New Bedford had one hundred and sixty three	163
Patrick A. Collins of Boston had forty seven	47
David O. Allen of Lynn had seventeen	17
Whole vote — 227.	

For Councillor 2nd District

Nathaniel Wales of Stoughton had one hundred and sixty three	163.
John Quincy Adams of Quincy had forty seven	47.
Whole vote — 210 —	

For District Attorney - Middle District.

Francis T. Blackmer of Worcester had one hundred fifty nine	159.
John Hopkins of Millbury had fifty two —	52
Whole vote — 211.	

For Clerk of Courts, Worcester County

Theodore S. Johnson of Worcester had one hundred and eighty two	182.
John W. Corcoran of Clinton had twenty eight	28.
Whole vote — 210.	

For County Commissioner - Worcester County.

Henry G. Taft of Uxbridge had one hundred and sixty three	163
Daniel F. Newton of Westboro had forty seven	47
Whole vote 210.	

For Special County Commissioner (to fill vacancy) Worcester County

Charles J. Rice of Winchendon had one hundred and sixty two	162
John R. Comait of Gardner had forty seven	47
Whole vote 209.	

For Senator - 2nd Worcester District

George H. Johnson of Milford had one hundred and fifty two	162
Benjamin B. Rowell of Hopkinton had forty seven	47.
George W. Hobbs of Upton had one	1
Whole vote — 210	

For Representative to Legislature 3rd Worcester District.

Ashley W. Rice of Grafton had one hundred and fifty nine	159.
Lorin S. Davis of Grafton had forty seven	47.
Lorin Davis of Grafton had seven	7.
Jeremiah Robinson of Grafton had one	1.
Joseph Dodge of Grafton had one	1.
Whole vote — 215.	

Amendment to Constitution

Yes. — twenty one	21.
No. — twenty eight	28.
Whole vote 49.	

The returns of the votes were then made out, signed and sealed in open meeting when the meeting was dissolved.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Grafton and Northbridge held at Grafton Nov 9th 1881. at 12 o'clock M. upon an examination of the Selectmens certificates of each town it was found that Ashley W. Rice of Grafton had been elected Representative to the General Court from the Third Worcester District, and the said Clerks issued their certificate in accordance therewith.

The vote was as follows;

	Ashley W. Rice	Lorin S. Davis	Lorin Davis	Scattering
Grafton —	159.	47.	7	2
Northbridge -	164.		64	11
	323	47.	71.	13.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton Jan 2nd 1882.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day a License to keep a Pool Table at the Hotel in Farnumsville in Grafton, was granted to Abram Van Deusen.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton Feb 27th 1882

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning the same, the ballots cast at the election of State, county and district Officers, Nov 8th 1881. — as directed by law.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Town Warrant.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the sixth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2. To chose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Art 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and town ways and bridges the ensuing year.

Art 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art 6. To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the treasury and fix the compensation of the collector, and act thereon.

Art 7. To see what compensation the town will allow the sexton for burying the dead the ensuing year and act thereon.

Art 8. To see what compensation the town will allow firemen for the ensuing year and act thereon.

Art 9. To see if the town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the jury box and act thereon.

Art 10. To determine where within the town the High School shall be kept the ensuing.

Art 11. To see if the town will cause one of the church bells in the center of the town to be rung at 12. o'clock M. and 9 o'clock P.M. or act thereon.

Art 12. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon,

Art 13. To see if the town will revoke its action whereby it accepted the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1871. or act thereon,

Art 14. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art 15. To see if the town will provide make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, or act thereon.

Art 16. To see if the town will provide and maintain a public watering trough near the common in the center of the town, or act thereon.

Art 17. To see if the town will authorize their collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Tannersville, Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two -

Samuel C. Flagg
Aurelius G. Hemphill
D. W. Stevens
L. H. Bigelow
B. F. Gibbons
Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton center, New England Village Farnumsville and Samoanville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Feb 27th 1882

A copy of Warrant and return.
Attest
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall, Monday March 6th 1882 - at nine o'clock in the forenoon and transacted business as follows; -

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Took up Art 1. and chose S. Davis Hall moderator. - who on taking the chair called on Rev P. Y. Smith to offer prayer

Took up Art 2. On motion J. A. Dodge voted to take up Art 14. in connection with Art 2 and vote under both at same time.
Voted to proceed to ballot for Town Officers on one ballot printed - viz; for Town Clerk, 5 Selectmen, Treasurer, 3 Assessors, Overseer of Poor 3 Road Commissioners, School Committee, Trustees for Riverside, Pine Grove and Farnumsville Cemeteries, Committee on Common and 24 Constables.

On motion D. B. Hubbard voted to close the Polls so far as they relate to town officers at 2 o'clock P.M.

On motion Henry Mann voted that the Polls on the license question — Yes and No — be closed at 2 o'clock P.M. —

At 2 o'clock P.M. no objection being made the Polls were closed and the result of the ballot was declared by the Moderator as follows:

Town Clerk.

Whole number votes			359.
A. A. Ballou	had	(Sworn by Moderator)	358
D. W. Norcross	"		1.

Selectmen.

Samuel C. Flagg	had	218	votes
B. F. Gibson		356	
D. W. Norcross		342	
A. G. Kempton		346	
L. K. Leland		194	
T. T. Griggs		139	
L. N. Bigelow		164	
John R. Crosby		4	
James G. Putnam		4	
Ezekiel Fowler		6	
J. B. Sibley		1	

and the first five named gentlemen were elected and sworn by the Moderator.

Treasurer.

Horace S. Warren	had		1	vote
Rufus E. Warren	(Sworn by Moderator)		358	and elected.

Assessors.

Ashley W. Rice	had	(Sworn April 3d 1882)	232 votes
D. W. Norcross		(Sworn by Moderator)	343
D. B. Hubbard		(Sworn by Moderator)	342
F. N. Hall			108
James G. Putnam			1
Silas Triton			25
W. E. Rice			6
E. Fowler			21

and the first three named gentlemen were elected.

Overseer of Poor.

Henry L. Bannister had 358 votes.
and was elected and sworn by Moderator.

Road Commissioners

Silas Viton	had for 3 years	Sworn by Town Clerk) Apr 8th 1882.	348	votes
A. M. Goulding	2 "	(Sworn by Mod.r)	225	.
L. B. Drury	2 "		130	.
R. E. Warren	3 "		8	
A. Bradish	2 "		6.	

and Messrs Viton and Goulding were elected.

School Committee. for 3 years.

D. B. Hubbard	had	333	votes
W. E. Rice		18	
E. Fowler		1	

D. B. Hubbard was elected and sworn by Moderator.

Trustee Riverside Cemetery. 5 years

T. T. Griggs had 357. votes
and was elected.

Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery. 5 years.

S. H. Heinsohn had 357 votes
and was elected.

Trustee Farnumville Cemetery. 5 years

F. A. Hall had 235. votes
and was elected.

Committee on Common. 3 years

J. A. Dodge had 357 votes
D. W. Brown 2
and J. A. Dodge was elected.

Constables.

S. D. Hall	had	(Sworn by Clerk Mar 7th)	357 votes
Wm E. Fletcher	"	" Moderator	357.
James Carey	"	" "	356
Chas E. Jennings			358
Geo H. Brown	Sworn Mar 17th by Town Clk.		358
Ora S. Gibbs	Sworn April 18th " "		356
Henry E. Brooks			132
Geo W. Bigelow			1
A. A. Severance			1

and the first six named were elected.

On the question - "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"
Whole number votes — 338.
'Yes' 192.
'No' 146.

Voted to chose three Fence Viewers by nomination
Chose - Silas Veirton Sworn April 3d 1882
D. W. Norcross Sworn by Moderator
J. B. Sibley Sworn April 3d 1882.

Voted to chose ten Field Drivers by nomination.
Chose - J. H. Chickering
Asa S. Newcomb
Edward Gifford
Noah K Merriam
Tarrant S. Skeuman
Waldo G. Chickering
D. W. Norcross Sworn by Moderator.
Jerry O'Keefe
George Cady
Clarence H. Crocker.

Voted that all other necessary town officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

Took up Art 3. and voted to accept of the several reports of town officers and committees as printed - voting on each report separately - viz:
Selectmen.
Treasurer, Collector, Overseers of Poor, Road Commissioners, Engineer, Riverside, Pine Grove and Fairmount Cemeteries, Bank Agents, Constable, Registrars, Library and School Committee

Voted to discharge the committee raised last year, to remodel the Alms house.

Took up Art 4. And voted that the repairing of Highways Town ways and bridges be left with the Road Commissioners.

Took up Art 5. On motion J. H. Chickering voted to appropriate Twenty three thousand dollars — $23,000.— for town expenses for the current year.

On motion S. E. Crouch voted to appropriate $5800. for Common Schools

Voted other appropriations as follows; for

High School -	Sixteen Hundred dollars	$1600.—
Fire Department	Fourteen Hundred dollars	1400.—
Highways	Two Thousand dollars	2500.—
Public Library	One Hundred dollars	100. and dog fund.
Interest on town debt	Two Thousand and thirty five dollars	2,035
Memorial Day	One Hundred dollars	100.
Street Lights (center)	Two Hundred and fifty dollars	250
Rent Town Hall	Five Hundred dollars	500.
Common	Twenty five dollars	25

On motion B. F. Libbey voted to add Two Thousand Dollars - $2000.— to the town appropriation making the sum Twenty five Thousand Dollars - $25,000.—

Took up Art 6. And voted to allow no discount on taxes the coming year; that all taxes be collected on demand that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next; That all taxes remaining unpaid after that date be subject to an addition of seven per cent per annum until paid and all legal costs for collecting;

The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all moneys by him collected once in ten days from the time he shall receive the tax list; and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of January next.

On motion J. B. Sibley voted That A. A. Ballou be the Collector for the ensuing year and that the compensation be one per cent of the amount collected.

On motion J. B. Sibley voted that the Chairman be authorized to cast the vote of the meeting for the Collector - which was afterward reconsidered -

Took up Art 2 And A. A. Ballou was unanimously chosen Collector by ballot and duly sworn.

Art 7. was left with the Selectmen

Fork usp Art 8. And voted that the compensation of the Selectmen should be Four dollars — $4.00 — each, for the ensuing year.

Fork usp Art 9. On motion D. B. Hubbard. Silas G. Getchell's name was added to the list of Jurors.
On motion A. A. Swinerton. David G. Fisk's name was added to the list of Jurors in place of A. A. Swinerton recently drawn. —
Voted to accept of the list of Jurors as printed with the above additions.

Fork usp Art 10. Voted that the High School shall be kept in the entire district the ensuing year.

Art 11. Was referred to the Selectmen for their action.

Fork usp Art 12. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town.

Fork usp Art 13. Voted to pass over it.

Fork usp Art 14. On motion J. H. Chickering voted "that the Selectmen shall issue a license to all persons that shall apply for it."
Which vote on motion of Geo K. Nichols, was afterward reconsidered

Fork usp Art 15. J. H. Chickering moved that "The sum not to exceed five hundred dollars be appropriated for the enforcement license law".
The motion was not carried — and nothing further was done under this article.

Art 16. Was by vote, referred to the Selectmen for their action.

Fork usp Art 17. Voted that the Collector be authorized to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

Took up Art 6. – Voted to appropriate a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars – $300. – to be used by the Selectmen in providing a public watering trough in the center of the town.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at 2. o'clock P.M.

Adjourned

A true record.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 3d 1882 – 2. P.M.

Proceedings of the adjourned meeting –

Meeting called to order by S. D. Hall Moderator.

Took up Art 2. – J. A. Dodge declined to serve on the committee on Common, and nominated D. W. Sawyer in his place, who was elected.

Art 4. Samuel C. Flagg declined to serve on the jury list and Russell Tinker was chosen in his place

Art 5. On motion A. E. Newton voted that the sum of two hundred dollars – $200. – be appropriated for building sidewalks in New England Village.

On motion of J. G. Putnam voted that the compensation of the Road Commissioners be twenty cents per hour.

Voted to lay warrant on table for a recess –

Voted to take warrant from table and on motion J. B. Sibley voted to appropriate thirty five hundred dollars – $3500. – for repairs and additions to Almshouse.

On motion A. J. Hemenway voted to appropriate two hundred dollars – $200. – for side walks in Farnumville and Fisherville.

On motion J. A. Goldard voted to raise by taxation the sum of thirty five hundred dollars — $3500. — to repair the Almshouse -

On motion A.W. Rice voted to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted to raise by taxation $3500. — to repair the Almshouse.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record -

Attest -

A. A. Bellows
Town Clerk

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables in the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the third day of April 1882 at 3 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will alter and enlarge their Almshouse for the better accommodation of the inmates - or act thereon.

Art 3d To see if the town will accept of the layout, as made by the Road Commissioners - for a certain road near the house of Henry L. Newton, and cause the same to be built - or act thereon.

Art 4th To see if the town will vote to procure and adopt a town and corporate seal - and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested thereof at the post office in the center of said town and at the Post Office in New England Village, Farnumville and Saundersville Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

David C. Flagg
B. F. Gibson
D. W. Norcross
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have served the forgoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton center, New England Village, Farnumville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carey Constable of Grafton

Grafton March 31st 1882.

A copy of warrant and return.
Attest A. A. Ballou Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall Monday April 3d 1882. at 3 o'clock P.M. and transacted the following business.

The meeting was called to order and the warrant read by the Town Clerk -

Took up Art 1st and S. D. Hall was chosen moderator.

Art 2 On motion D. B. Hubbard voted "that the Almshouse of Grafton be repaired enlarged and remodelled at an expense not exceeding thirty five hundred dollars" - $3500. -

On motion of S. C. Flagg - and amended by J. A. Dodge, voted that the Chairman of the Board of Overseers of Poor, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, be a committee to repair enlarge and remodel the Almshouse

Art 3 On motion J. A. Dodge voted "to accept the Report of the Road Commissioners and instruct them to build the road according to their suggestion"

Art 4th Voted to procure a town and corporate seal; and that the pattern shown - the impress of which is here given - be the adopted seal of the town.

Voted to dissolve the meeting -

A true record,

Attest.

A. A. Ballou,

Town Clerk

Brighton April 5th 1852.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made -

Ringer of Bell	Edwin A. Howes	
Lockup Keeper	James Carney	Sworn April 5th
Weighers of Hay Coal &c and Measurers of Wood and Bark	A. D. Kempton	
	S. K. Leland	
	Maurice J. Kelley	Sworn Aug 11th 1852
	Asa A. Munder	Sworn April 14th
	A. L. Nichols	Sworn as weigher &c April 12th
	Geo K. Nichols	Sworn July 28th
Sewerage of Lumber	G. L. H. Carpenter	Sworn April 10th
Special Police	Charles Farmer	Sworn April 26th
	Otis S. Gibbs	Sworn April 18th
	Charles E. Jennings	Sworn April 13th
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Samuel S. Leland	Sworn April 10th
Sextons	James Gleason and A. K. Cady	
Measurer of Upper Leather	Henry Means.	
Pound Keeper	James Carney	Sworn April 10th

A true record.

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Copy of Treasurer's Bond.

Know all men by these presents that we Rufus E. Warren of Grafton in County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal; and Horace S. Warren and Samuel E. Flagg of said Grafton, as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney, in the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eightytwo.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the said Rufus E. Warren has been chosen Treasurer for said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the discharge of the duties of the same.

Now if the said Rufus E. Warren shall as Treasurer as aforesaid faithfully account for and pay over all moneys by him received, and also with diligence and fidelity discharge all the other legal duties of the aforesaid office, then this obligation shall be void - otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue.

Witness - A. A. Ballou } to each }

Rufus E. Warren L.S.
Horace S. Warren L.S.
Samuel E. Flagg L.S.

A copy
Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

The above bond was approved by the board of Selectmen.

Grafton April 27th 1882.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made:—

Fire Engineers:—

Solon F. Smith
Alden M. Bigelow
Aaron Elliot
Lewis A. Bigelow
Clark C. Willis
Albert L. Fisher.

Special Police— Wm H. Frederick Bennett. Sworn May 9th

Inspectors— S. Davis Hall paid May 31. 1883. $2.—
Fred E. Allen. paid $2.—

Grafton May 1st 1882.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following Licenses were granted.

Liquor Licenses— Class #1. License #1. to John Meacham.
" #2 " Leander White.
" #3 " James V. Cameron.
" #4 " William W. Cameron.

Class #4 License #1. to David White
" #2. " Charles A. Hale

Class #6 License #1. to Mrs S. B. Allen.

Innholders Licenses to James V. Cameron and William W. Cameron.

Common Victuallers License to John Meacham.

Billiard Tables— Keepers of— to James V. Cameron and Wm W. Cameron.
Pool Tables— Keepers of— to James V. Cameron.
A true record— Attest

A. A. Ballou Town Clerk.

Grafton June 19th 1882.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made-

For Special Police for July 4th next. -
Leo N. Brown
James Carey
Wm C. Fletcher.

An Innholders license was granted to Jerome Carr to be exercised at the hotel in Farnumsville in said Grafton.

A true record-
Attest-
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton June 28th 1882.

At a special meeting of the Selectmen, called by the Chairman, held this day the following persons were appointed special constables, at the request of Rev. James Boyle, to serve without pay, at Daniels grove July 4th 1882. - or elsewhere within the town.

Richard Long
Peter Ennis
Patrick Crowe
John Curran
A. Pelletier
Raphael Lapierre
Thomas Lynch
James Brown
Thomas Carr
James Nevins.

And the same were duly sworn by me-

A true record
Attest.
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton Sept 4th 1882.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day John S. McAdow of Barton was appointed a ~~Special~~ Police Officer for the town of Grafton to serve without pay.

A true record - Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Sept 27th 1882. Personally appeared before me John S. McAdow of Barton and was sworn as a Police Officer for the town of Grafton - in due forme.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

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Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester, Greeting!

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, and for a County Treasurer for the County of Worcester, for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester, for a Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, and for a Representative to the General Court for the Third Worcester Representative District,

The votes for all the above officers will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes on separate ballots, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the officer voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at nine o'clock A.M. and may be closed at two o'clock P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eighty two.

David C. Flagg
D. W. Norcross
B. F. Gibson
Luther K. Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton,

Worcester, ss.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting the attested copies thereof at the Post Office at Grafton center, New England Village, Farnumsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding the said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Oct 27th 1882.

A copy of Warrant and return.

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall Tuesday Nov 7th 1882 at nine o'clock A.M. The meeting was called to order by David C. Flagg Chairman board of Selectmen. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk when the Chairman declared the Polls open.
On motion Alden M Bigelow voted to close the Polls at three o'clock P.M.
When the hour of three o'clock P.M. arrived the Chairman declared the Polls closed - and when the votes had been counted the result of the ballot was declared as follows:

For Governor.

Robert R. Bishop of Newton had	305	votes
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell had	167	"
Alonzo A. Miner of Boston had	1	"
Thomas Aldrich of Grafton had	1	"

For Lieutenant Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton had	330	votes
Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield had	144	"

For Secretary of State

Henry B. Pierce of Abington had	334	votes
David A. Stillings of Winchester had	143	"

For Treasurer and Reciver General

David A. Gleason of Medford had	334	votes
William A. Hodges of Quincy had	143	"

For Auditor of Accounts.

Charles R. Ladd	of Springfield	had	334 votes
John C. Sweeney	of Lawrence	had	143 "

For Attorney General

Edgar J. Sherman	of Lawrence	had	332 votes
George F. Veny	of Worcester	had	145 "

For Representative to Congress 10th District.

William H. Rice	of Worcester	had	330 votes
John Hopkins	of Millbury	had	143 "
Jeremiah Flagg	of Grafton	had	1 "

For Councillor. 2nd District.

Nathaniel Wales	of Stoughton	had	334 votes
Peter Butler	of Quincy	had	143 "

For Register of Deeds, Worcester County

Harvey B. Wilder	of Worcester	had	334 votes
Irving B. Sayles	of Millbury	had	143 "

For County Treasurer. Worcester County

Edward A. Brown	of Worcester	had	334 votes
Levi Barber	of Worcester	had	143 "

For County Commissioner, Worcester County

George S. Duell	of Brookfield	had	333 votes
Washington Tufts	of Brookfield	had	142 "
Charles Fowler	of Northbridge	had	2 "

For Senator. 2nd Worcester District.

George W. Johnson	of Milford	had	334 votes
Charles G. Capron	of Uxbridge	had	142 "
George W. Hobbs	of Uxbridge	had	1 "

For Representative to Legislature 3rd Worc. District.

Arthur F. Wilkin	of Northbridge	had	331 votes
Thomas F. Gorman	of Northbridge	had	143 "
Jeremiah Robinson	of Grafton	had	1 "

The returns were made out, signed and sealed, and the check list and ballots were sealed up- after which the meeting was dissolved.

A true record - Attest

L. A. Ballou Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Grafton and Northbridge held at Grafton Wednesday Nov 8th 1882 at 12 o'clock M. upon the examination of the Certificates of the Selectmen from the two said towns it was found that Arthur F. Whitin of Northbridge had been elected Representative to the Legislature from the Third Worcester Representative District, the vote being as follows;

Vote of Grafton
- Arthur F. Whitin of Northbridge had 331
- Thomas F. Gorman of Northbridge had 143
- Jeremiah Robinson of Grafton had 1.

Vote of Northbridge
- Arthur F. Whitin of Northbridge had 351.
- Thomas F. Gorman of Northbridge had 136.
- Frank A. Cross of Northbridge had 17.

And the return was made to the Secretary of State certifying That Arthur F. Whitin was elected.

A true record.

Attest:

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

March Meeting 1883.

Worcester ss:

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, - Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1. To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2. To chose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees and act thereon.

Art 4. To determine the manner of repairing the highways town-ways and bridges the ensuing year.

Art 5. To raise such of money as may be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon.

Art 6. To see what discount the town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the town shall direct, and determine when all taxes shall be collected and paid into the treasury, and fix the compensation of the collector, and act thereon.

Art 7. To see what compensation the town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year and act thereon.

Art 8. To see what compensation the town will allow firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

Art 9. To see if the town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon.

Art 10. To determine where within the town the High School shall be kept the ensuing.

Art 11. To see if the town will cause one of the church bells in the center of the town to be rung at 12 o'clock M. and at 9 o'clock P.M. or act thereon.

Art 12. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon.

Art 13. To see if the town will revoke its action whereby it accepted the provisions of Chap 158 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1871. or act thereon.

Art 14. - Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art 15. To see if the town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors - or act thereon.

Art 16. To see if the town will provide and maintain a public watering trough near the common in the center of the town - or act thereon.

Art 17. To see if the town will authorize their Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use - or act thereon.

Art 18. To see if the town will reimburse their Treasurer for errors made in his reports for the years 1879-1880 and 1881. or act thereon.

Art 19. To see if the town will abate the uncollected taxes of 1879 or act thereon.

Art 20. To see if the town will buy land and build a town house thereon, or otherwise provide and a place to hold their town meetings and town library, before the present lease of the town hall expires January 1st 1884. or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in New England Village, Framingsville and Saundersville, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eighty Four -

(over)

Samuel C. Flagg
Austin L. Hemphill
D. Webster Inness
B. F. Gibson
Luther M. Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss:

I have served the foregoing warrant by putting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton Center, New England Village, Farnsville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time ~~and place~~ of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

Grafton Feb 16th 1883.

A copy of warrant and return
Attest
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall, Monday March 5th 1883 at 9 o'clock A.M. and transacted business as follows;

The meeting was called to order by A. A. Ballou, Town Clerk - who read the warrant, and under Art 1. called for ballots for Moderator and S. Davis Hall was by a unanimous vote chosen Moderator.

On taking the chair Mr. Hall called on Rev P. J. Smith who offered prayer.

Took up Art 2 - On motion D. B. Hubbard voted to choose ~~on~~ by ballot a Town Clerk 5 Selectmen, a Treasurer, 3 Assessors - Overseer of Poor for 3 years Road Commissioner for 3 years - School Committee for 3 years - Trustees for 5 years of each Cemetery - viz; Riverside, Pine Grove and Farnsville - Committee on Common and 8 Constables -

On motion D B Hubbard voted to take up Art 14 at same time with Art 2nd - and proceed to ballot, which was done -

On motion Henry F. Wing voted to close the Polls for town officers at two o'clock P.M.

At two o'clock P.M. no objection being made the Polls for town officers were closed - and on motion of A. A. Ballou the Polls on the "Yes" and "No" vote on the license question was closed at the same time.

The ballots having been counted the result of the ballot was declared by the Moderator and was as follows:-

Whole number of votes 383.-

For Town Clerk

A. A. Ballou had - 310. and was elected

(the "Citizens ticket" was minus a Clerk and Treasurer)

For Selectmen.

Luther K. Leland	had	272	and was elected
Joseph A. Dodge	"	291	"
Edward F. Chamberlin	"	222	"
Benj F. Gibson	"	245	"
John E. McClellan	"	247	"
David H. Morcross	"	167	
Austin J. Kempton	"	126	
Lewis H. Bigelow	"	71	
Edward A. Estabrook	"	118	
Charles M. Batchiller	"	70	
Charles Bigelow	"	1	

For Treasurer

Rufus E. Warren had 306. and was elected.

For Assessors.

Ashley H. Rice	had	303	and was elected
D. Webster Morcross	"	374	"
David B. Hubbard	"	372	"
Lewis S. Davis	"	75	
J. G. Patterson	"	1	
Luke F. Wing	"	1	

For Overseer Poor for 3 years.

Samuel M. Knowlton	had	244	and was elected.
Edward C. Thurber	"	78	
Jesse Elliot	"	1	

For Road Commissioner - for 3 years.

Henry L. Bannister	had	376.	and was elected
C. C. Willis	"	1	

For School Committee for 3 years.

D Webster Ascrow	had	366	and was elected
Erastus Adams	"	1	
Edward A. Estabrook	"	1	
Alden M. Bigelow	"	1	
R. D. Frost	"	2	
J. B. Tibbey	"	1	
A. A. Bullen	"	1	

For Trustee Riverside Cemetery - 5 years

Joseph A. Dodge	had	383.	and was elected.

For Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery - 5 years

Jesse H. Smith	had	253	and was elected.
Erastus Adams	"	125	
L. H. Bigelow	"	1	
L. H. Knowlton	"	1	

For Trustee Fremansville Cemetery - 5 years

W. B. Maxwell	had	305	and was elected.
Augustus Fowler	"	78	

For Constables.

Robert Scott	had	302	and was elected
James Carney	"	370	"
George A. Wilson	"	305	"
Ora S. Gibbs.	"	250	" Sworn April 21st 1883
Wesley Merritt	"	301	"
Charles H. Farnum	"	304	" Sworn April 24th 1883
S. Davis Hall	"	99	
Charles S. Jennings	"	79	
Wm C. Fletcher	"	190	and was elected
Leslie T. Drury	"	102	
A. Bradish	"	109	and was elected
Joseph A. Dodge	"	1	
James Miles	"	2	
Henry Miles	"	1	
L. H. Bigelow	"	1	
W. C. Greenwood	"	1	

On the quetion - "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" the vote was, -
"Yes" 36 - "No" 245. -

For Committee on Common - 3 years
Henry F. Wing had 383. and was elected.

Voted to have 10 Field Drivers - and chose by nomination
James Miles Sworn March 15th 1883.
Sumner F. Leonard
Frank Johnson
Edward Thurber
James S. S. Field
Wm M. Bowne
Frank Newton Sworn March 10th 1883.
Augustus White
Geo A. Wilson and
Horace Nickett

Voted to have 3 Fence Viewers - and chose by nomination -
Silas Weldon
D. W. Sorenson and Sworn Mar 7th 83 by Town Clerk
J. B. Sibley - Sworn April 11th 1883. " "

Voted that all other necessary town officers be appointed by the Selectmen -

Voted that the Selectmen be auditors of accounts.

The Town Clerk, Selectmen, Treasurer, Assessors, Overseer of Poor, Road Commissioners - and James Carney, Wesley Merrill, Wm L. Fletcher and A. Bullock, Constables, were duly sworn into office by the Moderator.

Took up Art 3 - and the reports of the several town officers and committees were accepted, as printed, in the following order -

Selectmen
Treasurer
Collector
Overseers of Poor
Road Commissioners
Chief Engineer Fire Dep't
Book Agent
Trustees Riverside Cemetery
Trustees Pine Grove Cemetery
Trustees Fairview Cemetery
Committee on Common
Registrars
Committee on Musicians
Trustees Public Library
School Committee -

Took up Art 4. Voted to leave the repairing of highways townways and bridges with the Road Commissioner -

Took up Art 5. and on motion D. B. Stowe voted to raise Twentyseven Thousand Dollars - $27,000. - to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Then voted the following appropriations, viz,

To reduce town debt	two thousand dollars -	$2000.00
Interest on debt	nineteen hundred eighty five dollars,	1985.00
Common Schools	fifty eight hundred dollars	5800.00
High School	sixteen hundred dollars	1600.00
Fire Department	fifteen hundred dollars	1500.00
Highways	two thousand dollars	2000.00
Public Library	one hundred dollars and dog fund	100.00
Sweeping Monument	five hundred dollars (to be expended by overseers)	500.00
Side walks at N Grafton	two hundred and fifty dollars	250.00
Sidewalks at So Grafton (Supt. also)	two hundred and fifty dollars	250.00
Sidewalks at Saundersville	one hundred dollars	100.00
Street Lights Grafton Center	two hundred and fifty dollars	250.00
Memorial Day	one hundred dollars	100.00
Common	twenty five dollars	25.00
		16460.

Took up Art 6. - On motion D. B. Stubbard voted that no discount be allowed on taxes the ensuing year; that all Poll taxes be collected on demand, and that all taxes be collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of October next; that all taxes remaining unpaid after that date be subject to an addition of seven per cent. per annum until paid and all legal costs for collecting.

The Collector to pay over to the Treasurer all money by him collected once in ten days from the time he shall receive the tax list.

Voted to fix the compensation of the collector by putting the collecting of taxes up by auction - which was done and they were struck off to Arthur A. Simmons at one per cent of amount collected.

Took up Art 2 and chose by ballot Arthur A. Simmons tax collector.

Took up Art 7. Voted that the compensation of Sexton for burying the dead be the same as last year - which was four dollars - $4. —

Took up Art 8 - Voted that the compensation of Firemen be the same as last year which was ten dollars — $10. —

Took up 9 - Voted to add Charles L Pratt to the list of jurors in place of Samuel K. Knowlton recently drawn - Also voted to add James Piper to the list -
Voted to accept the jury list as printed with the above additions and amendment.

Took up Art 10 - Voted that the High School shall be kept in the center district.

Took up Art 5. On motion of A Taft voted "that fifty dollars ($50.-) be appropriated to establish a Branch Library at North Grafton under the direction of the Trustees of the Free Public Library".

Took up Art 10. On motion J. H. Windsor voted "that a committee be chosen to consider the expediency of changing the present method of superintending our schools to that of their oversight by a Superintendent, with an unpaid school committee, and to report at the adjourned meeting in April"

Voted that the Selectmen appoint a Committee of seven to act in accordance with the foregoing vote in relation to a Superintendent of Schools.
And they appointed -

J. H. Windsor
D. B. Hubbard
A. A. Ballou
John McClellan
E. A. Estabrook
Robert D. Frost
Silas S. Stowe - Committee.

Took up Art 11. Voted voted that the same cause one of the church bells at the center to be rung at 12 o'clock M. and at 9 o'clock P.M.

Took up Art 12. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town.

Art 13. Passed over

Art 14. Previously acted upon.

Took up Art 15. On motion A.R. Lyttle voted to appropriate Five Hundred Dollars — $500.— for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art 16. Laid on table with the request that the persons in charge report how much money is wanted, and any other information bearing on the subject necessary.

Took up Art 17. Voted to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

Took up Art 18. Voted that the matter of remunerating the Treasurer for errors in his reports, be left with the Selectmen who shall employ an expert accountant to examine the Treasurer's accounts and report at an adjourned meeting.

Took up Art 19. Laid on the table with the request that the Collector report at the adjourned meeting a list of taxes abated in the years 1879 and 1882.—

On motion E. A. Taft voted that the Assessors publish the valuation list for 1883.

Took up Art 20. Voted that the Selectmen appoint a committee of six, who together with the Selectmen, shall consider the subject of providing a Town House and report at the adjourned meeting.

The Selectmen appointed the following named gentlemen to act with them on the matter of providing a Town House — viz: Geo K Nichols, Geo W. Fisher, Jasper S. Nelson, Ashley H. Rice, J. B. Sibley and E. L. Wheeler.

Voted to adjourn to Monday April 2d 1883 at one o'clock P.M.

Adjourned.

A true record

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Treasurer's Bond.

Know all men by these presents That we Rufus S. Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal, and Horace S. Warren & Samuel C. Flagg of said Grafton as sureties, are holden and firmly bound to said town of Grafton or its certain attorney, in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and our heirs executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.
Sealed with our seals and dated this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eightythree.
The conditions of this obligation is such that whereas the said Rufus S. Warren has been chosen Treasurer for said town of Grafton for the current year and has accepted that office and been duly sworn to the discharge of its duties.
Now if the said Rufus S. Warren shall as Treasurer aforesaid, with diligence and fidelity discharge all the legal duties of the aforesaid office then this obligation shall be void, otherwise it shall remain in full force and virtue.

In presence of
A. A. Ballou
& each

Rufus S. Warren L.S.
Horace S. Warren L.S.
Samil C. Flagg L.S.

Approved March 8th 1883.

B. F. Gibson
Luther K. Leland
J. S. McClellan
E. F. Chamberlin
Joseph A. Dodge
Selectmen of Grafton.

March 12th 1883.

The following named persons, employes of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company, have been appointed and confirmed as Police officers, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 103. of the General Statutes; viz:

A. G. Sherman
W. & G. Holbrook
Charles A. Taft
Henry H. Stark
J. S. Sibley
Charles Moore
Joseph Abbott
W. G. Harden
Joseph S. Drew
John Henries
E. J. Rawson
H. M. McCambridge
Elijah M. Miller
John H. Brown
W. H. Jenckes
Geo K. Marshall
Geo A. Crocker
Geo Wilmot
J. D. Pierce
H. N. Smith
E. Fowler
F. H. Sawyer
F. G. Dudley

A true copy
Attest.
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed, by burning, the ballots cast at the last State election in Nov 1882 - as required by law.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 4, 1883.

April 2nd 1883.

Adjourned Annual Meeting -

Met according to adjournment.
at one o'clock P.M.
Meeting called to order by S. Davis Hall. Moderator.

Took up Art 2. On motion D. B. Hubbard voted to proceed to ballot for a Constable - and he nominated S. Davis Hall as candidate. who was chosen by ballot - and duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Took up Art 10. - J. K. Windsor Chairman of Committee chosen to consider the subject of Superintendence of Schools read the report of the Committee - also a minority report signed by himself.
D. B. Hubbard a member of the Committee. also read a minority report signed by himself.

On motion Edward Fahay all three reports were laid on the table until the next annual meeting. - (reports on file)

Took up Art 16. On motion voted to lay on table until next annual meeting - (vote 106 to 103)

Took up Art 18. B. F. Gibbs, Chairman board of Selectmen. presented as their report the statement of L. C. Murray. professional account. who had been employed to examine the town Treasurer's accounts since 1878. showing a balance due the Treasurer of fourteen hundred and thirteen and 40/100 dollars - ($1413.40) and equitable interest thereon -

On motion of Thorndike Leonard the report was accepted.
On motion of John McClellan the report was adopted and the balance ordered to paid to R. L. Warren. Treasurer.

Took up Art 19. And voted to abate the uncollected taxes of 1879. -

Took up Art 20. — After some preliminary remarks by Geo K. Nichols. Chairman Committee on Town House. he submitted the following as the report of the Committee.

Report of Committee on Town House.

The committee chosen at the town meeting held Monday March 5th 1883. to investigate the question of building, buying or leasing a hall for the use of the town submit the following report —

We have examined the various plans suggested and we recommend that the town purchase the Town Hall building for seventeen hundred thousand dollars, and that the building be altered and repaired in accordance with Plan No one submitted herewith, and for the purchase and repair of said building, the town raise an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars on bonds of the town payable in twenty years, bearing four per cent interest.
We would also recommend that a sinking fund be provided for the purpose of paying said bonds when due, and that all rents and receipts for use of said building be appropriated for that purpose —

Signed — Geo K. Nichols
B. F. Gibson
Jno D. Wheeler
Luther K. Leland
Joseph A. Dodge
J. S. McClellan
E. F. Chamberlain
A. W. Rice
J. B. Sibley
Geo H. Fisher

Voted to accept and adopt the foregoing report
Geo H. Estabrook moved that the same committee be a Committee to carry into effect the adoption of the report as accepted and adopted.
S. E. Stowe moved an amendment that the vote on Mr Estabrook's motion be by ballot: The amendment was put and carried — when the original motion was put and balloted upon with this result — Yes — 202 — No 99 — and the chairman declared the motion carried.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record-

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this 5th day of April the following appointments were made - viz:

Railroad Police - Chr W. Campbell -

Special Police - Geo H. Brown, Sworn by Town Clerk
Luke F. Drury Sworn April 5. 1883.
John A. Brown.

Belle Ringer, Edwin A. Howe.

Lockup Keeper - James Carney Sworn April 5. 1883.

Pound Keeper James Carney Sworn April 5. 1883.

Weighers of Hay, Coal &c and Measurers of Wood and Bark
A. G. Kempton
L. K Leland
E. O. Lindley Sworn Sept 20th 1883.
Elisha Holbrook Sworn Sept 28th 1883.
Geo H. Nichols Sworn as weigher April 12th 1883.
H. L. Nichols Sworn as weigher April 16th 1883.

Surveyors of Lumber - G. L. H. Carpenter
Timothy Sheehan Jr Sworn April 17th 1883.

Sealer of Weights and Measures - Saml E. Leland Sworn April 17th 1883.

Sextons - James Gleason and H. K. Healy

Measurer of Upper Leather - Henry Mann. Sworn April 20th 1883.

Fire Engineers - Solon F. Smith
Alden M. Bigelow
Lewis H. Bigelow
Jason Elliot
C. C. Willis and A. L. Furber

A true record. Attest

A. A. Ballou Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said Grafton on Monday the twenty third day of April 1883. at 2 oclock P.M. to act on the following articles — to wit;

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting;

Art 2d To see if the town will buy land and build a Town House thereon, or by purchase or otherwise provide a town house or place to hold the town meetings of the town in, and a place or building or room for the town library — the present lease of the building or room now occupied as the town hall expiring January 1st A.D. 1884; — and to what action if any, the town will take upon the report and recommendations of the committee appointed at the annual town meeting of this town held March 5th 1883 to consider the subject of providing a town house, which report was made at an adjournment of said annual meeting held April 2d 1883.; and to see if the town will raise, vote borrow or appropriate any money toward or for said subjects; and to see if the town will act, do or vote anything in relation to the foregoing subjects mentioned in this article; and to see if the town will establish a Sinking Fund Commissioner and chose Sinking Fund Commissioners as the law provides, or vote or act in regard to said subjects

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said Town, and at the Post offices in New England Village, Farnumville Fisherville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

B. F. Gibson
Luther K. Leland
Joseph A. Dodge
E. F. Chamberlain
John L. McClellan
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss; April 17th 1883.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Grafton center, New England Village, Farnumville, Fisherville and Saundersville Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A copy of warrant and return.
Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall Munday April 23d 1883 at two o'clock P. M. and their transactions were as follows;

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant for the meeting.

Took up Art 1st and by ballot chose S. Davis Hall Moderator.

Took up Art 2d and on motion of Geo K. Nichols voted that all votes about buying land, or land and buildings, for a Town House, and for raising, appropriating or borrowing money therefore at this meeting shall be by "Yes" and "No" vote by written or printed ballots in that form.

On motion of J. B. Sibley voted by ballot – 277 voting 'yes' and 67 voting 'no' – that George K Nichols, Geo H. Fisher, A K Leland, Edward F. Chamberlin and S. E. Stowe be a committee and agents of the town, and be authorized as sole committee and agents to buy and enter into a contract in writing to buy and take a deed of that certain real estate for a Town House known as Warren Block, situated in said Grafton on the road leading from Grafton common to Worcester, being a lot of land with a building thereon, containing about thirty five square rods of land, and to agree to pay, and to pay therefor a sum not exceeding (+17,000.–) Seventeen thousand dollars, and to accept a deed thereof in such form as they see fit, and to give bonds of the town therefor, the sum, or price to be paid therefor however, not to exceed said sum of seventeen thousand dollars; said bonds to be made payable at periods not exceeding ten years from this date, and to be signed by said committee or agents, and also by the Treasurer of the town for the time being, in behalf of the town, the rate of interest to be not exceeding four per cent (4%) and none of said bonds to be sold for a sum less than par.

On motion Geo K Nichols voted also by ballot – 157 voting 'yes' and 1 voting 'no' – that a Sinking Fund be established for the extinguishment of the said debt to be incurred for said Town House, and that there shall be contributed thereto annually, a sum to be raised by taxation annually, that shall be equal to eight per cent (8%) of the principal of the debt to be so incurred in the purchase of said Town House, till an amount is raised sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish said debt at its maturity, provided however that if there should be any net rent coming annually from the real estate so purchased for a Town House, the Town Treasurer for the time being is authorized to collect said rent annually and the net proceeds thereof to add to and apply to said sinking fund annually, for the reducing the above amount to be raised annually by taxation, and then only the balance of said eight per cent need be raised annually by taxation by the town,

On motion of Geo K. Nichols voted also by ballot – five (5) voting 'yes' and none voting 'no' – That a Sinking Fund Commission consisting of three Commissioners, be established, and that said three Commissioners be elected by ballot as the law provides – one to be elected for one year – one for two years and one for three years.

Voted to proceed to ballot for Sinking Fund Commissioners –

Chose by ballot for Sinking Fund Commissioner for one year, Luther K. Leland. (19 votes)

Chose by ballot for Sinking Fund Commissioner for two years – Joseph A. Dodge – (23 votes)

Chose by ballot for Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years – Jno D. Wheeler (12 votes)

On motion of Geo K. Nichols, voted also by ballot – twenty-one (21) voting 'yes' and none voting 'no' – That the interest on said bonds and debt shall be raised annually by the town by taxation.

On motion of D. B. Hubbard voted also by ballot – fourteen (14) voting 'yes' and none voting 'no' – That a sum equal to eight per cent of the whole amount of the purchase money which shall be paid for a Town House by the town, be raised by taxation the current year; and that the said amount be, and hereby is, appropriated to be used as a sinking fund.

On motion James A. Putnam, voted that the town bonds for the purchase of a Town House, be sold to the highest bidder above par.

On motion Jno D. Wheeler voted to reconsider the vote in relation selling the town bonds to the highest bidder above par – as moved by James A. Putnam.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record – Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton April 23d 1883.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day, Perley Merritt was granted a Common Victualler's Licence -

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

McClellan - Goddard Division of Fence -

This memorandum of an agreement made this second day of April in the year eighteen hundred and eighty three, by and between John E. McClellan of Grafton on the one part, and Perley Goddard of Grafton on the other part witnesseth;

That whereas there is a division fence needed on the line that divides the Charles A. White land owned by the said McClellan, and the plain and intervale lots owned by the said Goddard, it is now agreed that the said McClellan shall build and support that part bordering on the Quinsigamond river, so called, and separating the intervale lot so called, and owned by the said Goddard, from the White land owned by the said McClellan. Said fence to be placed on said McClellan's side of said river. And the said Goddard shall build and support that part which separates said White lot owned by said McClellan, and the plain lot owned by said Goddard, or that part running southerly from said river to land owned by heirs of Sullivan Newton - deceased.

All of the above lots are situated in the town of Grafton - And this agreement being recorded in the office of the Town clerk of the said town of Grafton shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said lots, their heirs and assigns forever.

Witness our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

In presence of
Joseph A. Dodge
Luther H. Leland

John E. McClellan
Perley Goddard

No seals

Recd April 25 1883

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton May 7. 1883.

At a meeting of the board of Selectmen held this day. J. M. Carr. J. V. Cameron and W. W. Cameron were licensed as Innholders.

Also
W. W. Cameron as keeper of a Pool Table and
James V. Cameron as keeper of a Pool and Billeard Tables.

Liquor Licenses of the sixth class were granted to David White and Mrs S. B. Allen.

Wm H. Bennett (Saundersville) was appointed a Special Police
(Sworn May 29th 1883.)

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton June 4th 1883.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day they voted to grant an Auctioneer's license to S. D. Hall, of Grafton.

And John S. McAdoo of Boston was appointed a Police Officer for the town of Grafton. To serve without pay.
(Sworn July 17, 1883)

It was voted that the sale of Fire Crackers, and their use in the public streets and public places, be and hereby is prohibited. — Also voted that Ball Playing in the public streets and public places be prohibited.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton June 20th 1883.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day Amos G. Getchell was appointed Police Officer for the town of Grafton. Sworn June 23d 1883.

Said it was voted that J. B. Sibley be appointed agent for the town of Grafton to take necessary measures to defend the suit brought against the town by Brigham Pierce, and to enter recognizance in behalf of the town in case the suit is appealed.

A true record.
Attest.
A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton June 25th 1883.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following appointments were made for Special Police for the town of Grafton - viz;

Thos J. Hall
James Gleason
Frank L. Fuller
Walter S. Carpenter
Nicholas Sheridan and
Edward Fowler — declined

} duly sworn at time of their appointment.

And it was voted that the Fire Engineers be authorized to keep a watchman at the Engine house at Farnumsville and North Grafton nightly until further notice.

Also

Voted that a reward of $500.- be paid for the detection and securing the person or persons that set fire to the building known as Taft's Block on the night of June 23d.

Voted also the same amount for the same purpose for the fire set in the Town Hall building June 24th and at the Brown house June 20th

A true record - Attest.
A. A. Ballou
Town clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the third day of July 1883. at 7-30 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will authorize some Attorney to appear for the town and defend suit brought against inhabitants of Grafton by Brigham Pierce, or act thereon.

Art 3d To see if the town will chose a committee to have the care and superintendence of the Town Hall building, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Fisherville, Farnumsville and Saundrs Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

B. F. Gibson
Luther K. Leland
Joseph A. Dodge
J. L. McClellan
C. F. Chamberlain
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton June 28th 1883.

I have served the foregoing Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton center, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundrs Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney, Constable of Grafton.

A copy of Warrant and return. Attest: A. A. Ballou Town Clerk.

Grafton July 3rd 1883.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall Tuesday July 3d 1883 at 7-30 oclock P.M. and the following are the proceedings thereof -

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Took up Art 1st and chose by ballot Henry F. Wing moderator the check list was used -

Took up Art 2nd On motion of B. F. Gibson voted unanimously that J. B. Sibly be the agent for the town and authorized to employ such counsel as he deems necessary to defend the suit brought against the town by Brigham Pierce.

Took up Art 3d On motion of J. H. Chickering voted that the Selectmen be a committee to have the care and superintendence of the Town Hall building.

Took up Art 4 J. B. Sibley declined to serve as Agent for the town and was excused - when on motion of J. B. Sibley voted that D. B. Hubbard be, and hereby is, the authorized attorney for the town to appear and defend the suit brought against the inhabitants of Grafton by Brigham Pierce.

Voted to dissolve the meeting -

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton August 6th 1883.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day an Auctioneers License was granted to John H. Hildreth, and

D. W. Aldrich was appointed Collector of taxes in place of A. A. Simmons who declined to serve — and was duly sworn by the Town Clerk Aug 8th 1883.

A true record

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank
246 Main Street.

Worcester Mass August 22 1883.

To the Selectmen of Grafton,
Gentlemen,

On the 2d day of May 1879. there was deposited in this bank the sum of two hundred (200) dollars; the income of the sum for the care of Dolley A. Thayer lot in Riverside Cemetery.
The income now due on said fund amounts to thirty three 99/100 dollars — $33.99/100 —
Is it a town or private cemetery? Please let me know and oblige.

Respectfully Yours

George W. Wheeler,
Treasurer.

I sent a notice Selectmen and I think also to the Treas of Cem's.

Rcvd and recorded August 25. 1883.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss:

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the town hall in said Grafton on Wednesday the third day of October 1883. at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2 - To see if the town will vote to enlarge their School house at Farnumsville, or make some provision for the better accommodation of the scholars in said district, or act thereon.

Art 3. - To see what action the town will take in regard to surface water near Getchells block at North Grafton. -

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town, and at the Post Offices in North Grafton Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting,
Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

B. F. Gibson
Joseph A. Dodge
Edward F. Chamberlain
J. L. McClellan
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss.

Grafton 1883. — I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A copy of Warrant and return.
Attest. A. A. Ballou Town Clerk

Grafton Oct 3d 1883.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the town hall Wednesday Oct 3d 1883 at 2 o'clock P.M. and transacted the following business:—
The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the Warrant.

Took up Art 1. and chose by ballot, Aldus M. Bigelow, Moderator.

Took up Art 2- On motion of A.L. Fisher voted that the Chair appoint a committee of three to investigate the subject of enlarging the School house &c at Farnumsville, procure plans and estimates and report at a future meeting.
The Chair appointed on that committee, A.L. Fisher A.G. Hemenway and D.W. Norcross.
And on motion of D.B. Hubbard voted to accept the Committee as reported by the Chair.

Took up Art 3- On motion D B Hubbard voted that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to consider the subject of this Article, and to report at a future meeting, plans and estimates of cost.
The Chair appointed on that Committee, D. B. Hubbard D. K. Leland and H. L. Bannister.
Voted to accept the committee as reported.

Voted to adjourn one week at 2 o'clock P.M.

A true record.

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Grafton Oct 16th 1883.

Adjourned town meeting -

Met according to adjournment.

Alden M. Bigelow in the chair -

Took up Art 2 - A.G. Kempton for the committee, submitted plans and estimates for enlarging the School house at Farnumville - One to raise the present building and put a story underneath it at an estimated cost of $3213. - The other was to add two wings, to the present building, at an estimated cost of $4000. -

On motion of Dr. Rice voted "that the report of the committee on the Farnumville School house be recommitted to them to obtain plans, specifications and estimates for building and furnishing complete two additional wings to Farnumville School House and report at an adjourned meeting. 7 o'clock P.M. Oct 18th 1883. -

Art 3. - Passed over to be called up at adjourned meeting.

Voted to adjourn to Oct 18th 1883. at 7 o'clock P.M.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

Grafton Oct 18th 1883.

Andjourned town Meeting.

Met according to adjournment.

Aldon M. Bigelow in the Chair.

Record of previous meeting read by the clerk.

Took up Art 2. - A G Kempton in behalf of the committee reported that the lowest bid for enlarging the Farnsville School house by adding two wings was $368 4. - Furnishing the same $565. - Incidentals $150. - total $4399. -

On motion D. B. Hubbard the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Took up Art 3 - D. B. Hubbard in behalf of the committee recommended an appropriation of $280. - to purchase the right to flow surface water (or 'easement') on land of S. A. Knowles - and for the laying of certain water pipes necessary to dispose of the surface water in the locality mentioned.

The report was accepted.

Adjourned for one hour - Later and without further action, the meeting was dissolved -

A true record.

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the town hall in said Grafton on Thursday the eighteenth day of Oct. 1883, at 7 - 30 - o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art 1. To chose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art 2. To see if the town will vote to alter or enlarge their School house at Farnumsville or make some provision for the better accommodation of the scholars in said district - and borrow and appropriate such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose; said money to be raised by taxation in A.D. 1884 or do anything in relation thereto.

Art 3. To see what action the town will take in regard to a bequest made to the town for benevolent purposes by the late Mrs Almira B. Rawson.

Art 4. To see what action the town will take in disposing of the surface water near Getchell's block at North Grafton - and borrow and appropriate money therefor, and act thereon.

Art 5. To see if the town will take measures to procure a supply of water for the use of the public at or near the center of the town - and borrow and appropriate money for that purpose - or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post office in the center of said town and at the Post offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

B. F. Gibson
Luther K. Leland
Joseph A. Dodge
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss.

Grafton Oct 11th 1883.

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Canney
Constable of Grafton.

A copy of Warrant and Return.

Attest.

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall Thursday evening Oct 18th 1883. at 7-30 o'clock P.M. and the following is a record of the proceedings thereof:-

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk who read the warrant.

Took up Art 1. And chose by ballot: Aldus M. Bigelow, Moderator.

Took up Art 2.- On motion D. B. Hubbard voted that A. L. Fisher, A. G. Kempton and D. W. Sherman be a committee to report plans, specifications and estimated costs for enlarging the School House at Farnumsville.

The committee reported recommending the addition of two wings at a cost for building of $3684.- furnishing the same $565.- Incidentals $150.- Total - $4399.-

On motion of D. B. Hubbard the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion Leo K. Tinker voted "That the same committee that made the report for enlarging the School house at Farmingville, be appointed to build the enlargement as reported by them."

On motion A. G. Kempton voted "That we borrow the sum of $1400.00 and appropriate (the) same for building the two additions, and furnishing the same complete, at the Farmingville School house - Same to be raised by taxation in 1884."

Took up Art 3. F. A. Jewett moved that the whole matter be left with the Selectmen -
D. B. Hubbard moved as an amendment to Mr. Jewetts motion, "That a committee of three be appointed to confer with Mrs Field in regard to the bequest left by the late Mrs Almira B. Dawson to the town, and have full powers to act."
This amendment was carried - and the original motion as amended -

On motion Russell Tinker voted that the committee be chosen by nomination at large -
Chose B. F. Gibson, D. B. Hubbard and H. F. Wing, committee,

Took up Art 4. - D. B. Hubbard made a verbal report recommending the purchasing the right of easement, or the right to flow surface water on land of S. A. Knowles, and the laying of certain drain pipes to carry off said surface water - at a total cost of $280.00 -
The report was accepted and adopted, when -

On motion D. B. Hubbard voted "That the matter be referred to the Road Commissioners and that they be instructed to perform the work in accordance with the plan recommended, and that the town borrow the sum of $280.00 - to be raised by taxation in 1884 and appropriate it for the above purpose -

Art 5. H. E. Newton moved to pass over the article.
D. L. Fiske moved as an amendment "That a committee of three be chosen by nomination to procure a permanent supply of water at the center of the town for public use."
The amendment was carried - also the original motion - as amended

Chose D. L. Fiske, D. W. Nowers and S. F. Smith as Committee

On motion D. L. Fiske voted "That the sum of $800.- dollars be borrowed and raised by taxation (in the year 1884 for that purpose."

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Selectmen* held Nov 6th 1883.
Henry F. Thing was chosen Commissioner of Sinking Fund in place of Jno D. Wheeler, resigned.
* and the members of the Sinking Fund Commission.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

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Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday the sixth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor of Accounts, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and for a Councillor for the Second Councillor District, and for a Senator for the Second Worcester Senatorial District, and for a County Commissioner for the County of Worcester, for two Special County Commissioners for the County of Worcester, for a District Attorney for the Middle District for a Register of Probate and Insolvency for the County of Worcester, for four Commissioners of Insolvency for the County of Worcester, for a Sheriff for the County of Worcester and for a Representative to the General Court for the Third Worcester Representative District, —

The votes for all the above officers will be received open and unfolded on one ballot, or in sealed envelopes on separate ballots, as best suits the voter, each vote to specify the officer voted for.

The Polls will be open to receive the votes for the above officers at nine o'clock A. M. and may be closed at 2 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by putting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the center of said town and at the Post Offices in North Grafton, Farnumville Fisherville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon (at the time) & attendance at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of October in the year of Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eighty three —

Benj[a] F. Gibson
Luther K. Leland
Joseph A. Dodge
J. S. McClellan
E. F. Chamberlain
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester, ss:

October 30th 1883. — I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fiskeville and Saundersville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed.

James Carney
Constable of Grafton.

A copy of Warrant and Return
Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met in the Town Hall Tuesday, Nov 6th 1883 at nine o'clock A.M. and the following is a record of the proceedings:—

The meeting was called to order by Benj F. Gibson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who presided.

The warrant was read by the Town Clerk, and the Chairman announced the Polls open.

On motion of Mr Thurber voted to close the Polls at 3 o'clock P.M.

The voting then began and continued until 3 o'clock P.M. when no objection being made the Chair declared the Polls closed.

The votes having been counted were declared as follows:—

For Governor.

George D. Robinson	of Chicopee	had	893 votes
Benjamin F. Butler	of Lowell	had	224 "
Charles R. Almy	of New Bedford	had	1 "
J. D. Adams	of Quincy	had	1 "
A. A. Miner	of Boston	had	1 "
William Gaston	of Boston	had	1 "

For Lieutenant Governor.

Oliver Ames	of Easton	had	409 votes
James S. Grinnell	of Greenfield	had	207 "
Joseph A. Titus	of Worcester	had	2 "

For Secretary of State.

Henry B. Peirce	of Abington	had	413 votes
Charles Marsh	of Springfield	had	205 "

For Treasurer & Receiver General.

Daniel A. Gleason	of Medford	had	413 votes
Charles H. Ingalls	of North Adams	had	205 "

For Auditor of Accounts.

Charles R. Ladd	of Springfield	had	409 votes
John Hopkins	of Millbury	had	209 "

For Attorney General.

Edgar J. Sherman	of Lawrence	had	413 votes
John H. Cummings	of Fall River	had	205 "

For Councillor, 2nd District.

Nathaniel Wales	of Stoughton	had	409 votes
Samuel S. Whitcomb	of Holbrook	had	208 "

For District Attorney - Middle District.

Francis J. Blackmer	of Worcester	had	409 votes
John W. Corcoran	of Clinton	had	208 "

For Sheriff - Worcester County.

Augustus B. R. Sprague	of Worcester	had	421 votes
Joseph A. Tilden	of Worcester	had	194 "

For Register of Probate & Insolvency Worcester Co.

Frederic H. Southwick	of Worcester	had	412 votes
Irving B. Sales	of Millbury	had	206 "

For County Commissioner, Worcester Co. 3 years -

William O. Brown	of Fitchburg	had	399 votes
Leander Sprague	of Fitchburg	had	205 "

For Special County Commissioners - Worcester Co.

Charles J. Rice	of Winchendon	had	398 votes
Henry S. Miner	of Worcester	had	376 "
George H. Stoddard	of Upton	had	205 "
Othello Fay	of Athol	had	205 "
Henry S. Miner	of Phillipston	had	23 "

For Commissioners of Insolvency.

Charles Field	of	Athol	had	413 votes
David H. Mencain	of	Fitchburg	had	413 "
John M. Cochran	of	Southbridge	had	411 "
Daniel B. Hubbard	of	Grafton	had	397 "
Charles Brimblecom	of	Barre	had	203 "
Andrew J. Sumner	of	Milford	had	205 "
Benjamin B. Burne	of	Westborough	had	206 "
James J. Dowd	of	Worcester	had	205 "

For Senator, 2nd Worcester Senatorial District.

Charles E. Whitin	of	Northbridge	had	378 votes
George G. Parker	of	Milford	had	225 "

For Representative 3rd Worcester Representative District.

Joseph A. Dodge	of	Grafton	had	412. votes
James G. Putnam	of	Grafton	had	205 "
Thomas J. Marsh	of		had	1 "

After the returns had been made out and sealed; and the Check List and Ballots had been sealed according to law, the meeting was dissolved -

A true record

Attest

A. A. Ballou

Town Clerk

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of Grafton and Northbridge, held at Grafton Wednesday Nov 7th 1883. at 12. o'clock M. - upon examination of the Certificates of the Selectmen of the said towns it was found that Joseph A. Dodge of Grafton had been elected Representative to the Legislature from the Third Worcester Representative District, the vote being as follows: -

Vote of Grafton -

Joseph A. Dodge	of Grafton	had	412 votes
James G. Putnam	of Grafton	had	205 "
Thomas J. Marsh	of	had	1 "

Joseph A. Dodge	of Grafton	had	367 votes
James G. Putnam	of Grafton	had	194 "
John D. Adams	of Northbridge	had	16 "

And certificates stating that Joseph A. Dodge was elected were sent to the Representative elect and to the Secretary of State, Boston.

A true record Attest

A. A. Ballou Town Clerk

Grafton Jan 7, 1884.

At a meeting of the Selectmen and the two members of the Sinking Fund Commission, held this day Horace S. Warren was chosen a member of the Sinking Fund Commission in place of Henry F. Wing, who declined to serve.

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day a Druggists' License (liquor) of the sixth class, was granted Wm F. Moore, of N. Grafton.

A true record,

Attest,

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

Grafton Feb 9th 1884.

I hereby certify that I have this day destroyed by burning, the ballots cast at the State election, in the Town of Grafton, Nov 6th 1883 — as the law directs.

Attest

A. A. Ballou
Town Clerk

March Meeting 1884

Worcester, S. S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester - Greeting - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton, on Monday the third day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
Art. 2d. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.
Art. 3d. To hear the Reports of the several Town officers and Committees, and act thereon -
Art. 4th. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways, Townways, and Bridges, the ensuing year.
Art. 5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, and act thereon -
Art. 6th. To see what discount the Town will make to those persons who shall voluntarily pay their Taxes to the Collector within such periods of time as the Town shall direct, and determine when all Taxes shall be collected and paid into the Treasury, and fix the compensation of the Collector, and act thereon -
Art. 7th. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Sextons for burying the dead the ensuing year, and act thereon
Art. 8th. To see what compensation the Town will allow Firemen for the year ensuing, and act thereon -
Art. 9th. To see if the Town will accept of the list of names prepared by the Selectmen to be placed in the Jury Box, or act thereon -
Art. 10th. To determine where within the Town the High School shall be kept the ensuing year.
Art. 11th. To see if the Town will cause one of the Church Bells in the Centre of the Town to be rung at 12 o'clock M., and at 9 o'clock P. M., or act thereon
Art. 12. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money under the direction of the Selectmen, to meet the wants of the town, or act thereon -
Art. 13. To see if the town will revoke its action whereby it accepted the provisions of chapter 158 of the acts of the Legislature of the year 1871, or act thereon -
Art. 14. Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?
Art. 15. To see if the town will make an appropriation of money for the prosecution of persons engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors - or act thereon -
Art. 16. To see if the town will rescind the vote whereby it voted to appropriate eight hundred dollars to provide and maintain a public watering trough near the Common in the center of the town, or act thereon -
Art. 17. To see if the town will authorize their collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed a collector may use, and act thereon
Art. 18. To see if the town will abate the uncollected taxes of 1881, or act thereon
Art. 19. To see if the town will abate the taxes on the estate of William Holbrook for the year 1883 - or act thereon -
Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to relocate their roads or act thereon
Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to alter and repair the Town House in accordance with plan No 1 prepared by Stephen C. Earle and submitted to the town and accepted and adopted by the inhabitants thereof at the adjourned annual meeting held April 2d 1883 and appropriate money therefor and act thereon
Art. 22. To see if the town will accept the layout of a highway near the Boston and Albany Railroad Station, as made by the Road Commissioners, and cause the same to be built, or act thereon -
Art. 23. To see if the town will purchase additional land for Cemetery purposes near the Riverside Cemetery - or act thereon -
Art. 24. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 36 - Section 29 of the Public Statutes, or act thereon
Art. 25. To see if the town will fund any part of their floating debt, or act thereon -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in the Centre of said Town, and at the Post offices in North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Saunders Village, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four

Benjamin F. Gibson
Luther K. Leland
Joseph A. Dodge
Edward F. Chamberlain
John E. McClellan
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester S. S. Feb. 25th A.D. 1884

I have served the foregoing warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Grafton, North Grafton, Farnumsville, Fisherville and Idunderville seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting as therein directed

James Carney
Constable of Grafton

A copy of Warrant and return
Attest.

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the legal voters of Grafton met at the Town Hall, Monday March 3rd A.D. 1884 at 9 o'clock A. M. and transacted business as follows;

The meeting was called to order by A. A. Ballou, Town Clerk, who read the warrant, and under Art. 1 called for ballots for Moderator and S. Davis Hall by a majority of the ballots cast was chosen Moderator

On taking the chair Mr. Hall called on Rev. P. J. Smith who offered prayer.

On motion B. F. Gibson voted to take up article 14 at same time with article 2

Took up article 2- on motion D. B. Stubbard voted to chose on one ballot a town clerk, 5 Selectmen a Treasurer, 3 Assessors - 1 overseer of the Poor for 3 years, 1 Road Commissioner for 3 years, 1 School Committee for 3 years - Trustees for 5 years of each Cemetery to wit - 1 - Riverside - 1 Pine Grove and 1 Fairview, 1 Committee of Common for 3 years, 8 Constables and 1 Commissioner of Sinking Fund for 3 years and proceed to ballot which was done

Moderator declared polls open for ballots for town officers and upon Art. 14

On motion of John E. McClellan voted to close Polls for town officers at 2 o'clock P.M.

At 12 M. voted to take a recess of 3/4 hour

At 2 o'clock P.M. no objection being made the Polls for town officers were closed - and the Polls on the "Yes and No" vote on the license question were closed at same time

At 2 P.M. on motion Mr. Shay voted to lay Articles 2 and 14 on the table

Took up Art. 3 - and the reports of the several town officers and Committees were accepted as printed in the following order

Selectmen's
Treasurers'
Collectors'
Overseers'
do on Repairs
Road Commissioners'
Chief Engineers'
Trustees Pine Grove Cem.y
do Riverside do
do Fairview do
Common Committee
Registrar's
Water Committee
Sinking Fund Com.rs
Book Agents
Library Committee
School do

Geo. K. Nichols in behalf of Town House Committee reported as follows and same was accepted and ordered to be printed in next annual town report

Report of Town House Committee

The Committee chosen April 2d 1883 to be a committee and Agents of the town and be authorized as sole Committee and Agents to buy and enter into a contract in writing to buy and take a deed of that certain real estate for a Town House known as Warren Block situated in said Grafton on the road from Grafton Common to Worcester, being a lot of land with a building thereon containing about 35 square rods of land, and to agree to pay, and to

pay therefor a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand dollars, and accept a deed therefor in such form as they see fit, and to give bonds of the town therefor. the sum or price to be paid therefor however not to exceed said sum of Seventeen thousand dollars, said bonds to be made payable at a period not exceeding ten years from date, and to be signed by said Committee or Agents, and also by the Treasurer of the town, for the time being in behalf of the town the rate of interest to be not exceeding four per. cent and none of said bonds to be sold for a sum less than par.

Submit the following report.

In accordance with the aforesaid vote of the town Town Committee on the 25th. day of April 1883 bought and entered into a Contract in writing to take a deed of the real estate described in the vote aforesaid and on the 26th. day of May 1883. Town Committee took a deed of the aforesaid real estate, after submitting said deed to the approval of the legal adviser of the town and in obedience to the vote of the town caused to be prepared bonds of the town, for the sum of one thousand dollars each to the amount of Seventeen thousand dollars, payable April 23d. 1893 with interest, coupons attached payable semi-annually at the rate of 4 pr. cent pr. annum - Which bonds were signed by Town Committee and the Treasurer of the town, and sold by Town Committee for one half of one pr. cent premium and with the proceeds of said sale they paid Horace S. Warren, Seventeen thousand dollars as directed by vote of the town in payment for the real estate purchased of him for a Town House and the balance being the premium and interest for one month. was paid to R. E. Warren Treasurer of the town

Town House Committee in account with
Town of Grafton

Dr.

To Cash recd. from sale of bonds	17.000.00
" Premium	85.-
" Interest	56.67
	17.141.67

Cr.

By Cash paid H. S. Warren	17.000.00
" " " R. E. Warren Treas	141.67
	17.141.67

over

Respectfully Submitted

Grafton March 1st. 1884

Geo. K. Nichols

Luther K. Leland
Edward F. Chamberlain
Silas E. Stowe

Art. 4 - Passed over

Art. 5 - Took up article 5 and voted to raise Thirty thousand dollars ($30.000.) to defray town charges the ensuing year

Then voted the following appropriations - to wit -

To reduce town debt	Two thousand dollars		$ 2.000.-
Interest on debt	Twenty five hundred fifty five	dollars	2.555.-
Common Schools	Sixty five hundred	dollars	6.500.-
High School	Sixteen hundred	dollars	1.600.-
Fire Department	Fifteen hundred	dollars	1.500.-
Highways	Two thousand	dollars	2.000.-
Public Library	one hundred dollars and dog fund		100.-
Pauper Department	Sixty five hundred	dollars	6.500.-
Sinking Fund	Thirteen hundred sixty	dollars	1.360.-
Street Lights - Grafton Center	Two hundred fifty	dollars	250.-
Memorial Day	One hundred	dollars	100.-
Common	Twenty five	dollars	25.-
Town Clerk's Salary	Fifty	dollars	50.-
Treasurer's "	Sixty	dollars	60.-
Culvert at No. Grafton	Two hundred eighty	dollars	280.-
Repairs to School House at Farnumsville	Forty four hundred	dollars	4.400.-
			29.280

Art. 6. Took up Art. 6 - and voted "the same as last year except that time of payment be extended to Nov. 1st. Voted to fix the compensation of the Collector by putting the collecting of taxes up by auction - which was done and they were struck off to Moses A. Keith at one per cent of amount collected.

Art. 2 - Took up Art. 2 - and chose by ballot Moses A. Keith tax collector (unanimously)

Art. 7 taken up and voted "to same as last year" which was four dollars

" 8 taken up and voted "to same as last year" which was ten dollars

" 9 " " " " to recommit to Selectmen for revision

" 10 " " " " "to be in Center District"

" 11 Passed Over

" 12 taken up and on motion of James G. Putnam voted- That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money under the approval of the Selectmen to meet the wants of the Town and that he be instructed to receive proposals for what money may be wanted and to borrow the same wherever it can be had at the lowest rates of Interest- That he also be instructed to pay the Town Notes Thirteen thousand two hundred (13.200) dollars which are payable on demand unless the rates of interest can be reduced to four (4) pr. cent interest- under the provisions of Sec. 6. Chap. 29 of the Pub. Statutes

"

" 13 Passed over

" 15 taken up- and on motion Rev. R. D. Frost. voted That the Board of Selectmen be instructed to refuse Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors- First- to all persons who have ever been prosecuted for the violation of the Liquor Laws- Second- to all persons concerning whom twenty (20) voters shall declare over their signatures that they do not believe their character to be such that they can be trusted to obey the Licence Law

Later voted to reconsider above motion in order to hear Mr. Davis

Later above motion was again put and carried-

Art. 2 taken up. The ballots for town officers having been counted the result of the ballot was declared by the Moderator and was as follows – to wit –

Whole number of votes 431

For Town Clerk

Geo. R. Newton had 225 and was elected
Arthur A. Simmons " 117 - A. A. Simmons 80 - 197

For Selectmen

sworn Mch 3/84 Samuel E. Leland had 377 S. E. Leland 45 – 422 and was elected
" Simon A. Knowles " 380 S. A. Knowles 45 – 425 " " "
" Joseph A. Dodge " 372 J. A. Dodge 45 - 417 " " "
" Edward F. Chamberlain " 230 E. F. Chamberlain 45 - 275 " " "
" John E. McClellan " 378 J. E. McClellan 45 - 423 " " "
Perley Goddard " 149
Daniel B. Hubbard " 1
Frank F. Newton " 1
Chas. E. Jennings " 1

For Treasurer

sworn Mch 3/84 Henry F. Wing had 378 H. F. Wing 44 - 422 and was elected
H. A. Warren " 5

For Commissioner of Sinking Fund for 3 years

Luther K. Leland had 382 L. K. Leland 45 - 427 and was elected

For Assessors

sworn Mch 28/84 Ashley W. Rice had 199 A. W. Rice 44 - 243 and was elected
sworn Mch 10/84 Jeremiah Robinson " 425 " " "
" " 3/84 Daniel B. Hubbard " 350 D. B. Hubbard 1 - 351 " " "
D. Webster Norcross " 177
A. G. Kempton " 14 Austin G. Kempton 42 - 56
Gilbert C. Taft " 2
S. E. Stowe " 2

For Overseer of Poor for 3 years

sworn Mch 3/84 Jonathan B. Sibley had 378 J. B. Sibley 46 - 424 and was elected
Luke T. Drury " 1
James G. Putnam " 1

For Road Commissioner for 3 years

sworn Mch 4/84 Albert M Goulding had 377 A. M. Goulding 46 - 423 and was elected
Geo. B. Brooks " 1

For School Committee for 3 years

Warren B. Maxwell had 244 and was elected
P. J. Smith " 169

For Trustee Riverside Cemetery for 5 years

James Gleason had 428 and was elected

For Trustee Pine Grove Cemetery for 5 years

Franklin Baldwin had 225 F. Baldwin 43 - 268 and was elected
Erastus Adams " 158

For Trustee Fairview Cemetery for 5 years

Clark C. Willis had 382 C. C. Willis 46 - 428 and was elected

For Committee on Common for 3 years

Silas Vinton had 427 and was elected

For Constables

sworn Mch 3/84 James Carney - had 349 and was elected
" " 15/84 Albert Badish " 271 " " "
sworn Mch 3/84 S. Davis Hall " 408 " " "
Charles W. Farnum " 327 C. W. Farnum 44 - 371 " " "
sworn Mch 3/84 William C. Fletcher " 383 W. C. Fletcher 44 - 427 " " "
" Apl. 2/84 Ora S. Gibbs " 380 " " "
sworn Mch 3/84 Luke F. Drury " 422 " " "
sworn Mch 4/84 George M. Newton " 435 " " "
Charles E. Jennings " 170
Walter S. Carpenter " 2
Henry Crippen " 1
Jon^a B. Sibley " 1
Charles Allen " 1
Howard Dunbar " 1
Francis N. Hale " 1
Geo. F. Ford " 1
L. S. Davis " 1
Geo. D. Newton " 1

On the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The vote was

Yes- 186 NO 158

After the result of the ballot for town officers and on the license question was declared by the Moderator,

George R. Newton declined to serve as town clerk and upon motion of George K. Nichols it was then voted to proceed to ballot for a town clerk- the result of the ballot was as follows- to wit

Whole number of votes 36

sworn Mch 3/84 Arthur A. Simmons had 34 and was elected
Joel Packard " 2

The Town Clerk- Selectmen and James Carney and Daniel B. Stubbard- assessors and Jonathan B. Sibley overseer of Poor for 3 years Luke T. Drury Constables, were duly sworn into office by the Moderator

S. Davis Hall and William C. Fletcher Constables were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk

Art. 15 taken up and voted on motion of Rev. Mr. Voorhees "That the town appropriate five hundred (500) dollars for the prosecution of those who engage in the illegal sale of liquor"

Art. 14 taken up and voted on amendment of James Miles to motion of H. C. Greenwood (Greenwood's motion being for $500.00) "That we instruct the Selectmen that any person taking out First- Second and Third Class Licenses shall pay for each license one thousand (1.000) dollars

Art. 16 taken up and voted on motion of Geo. M. Newton to Pass Over H. E. Newton's amendment to rescind being lost

Art. 17 taken up and voted to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use

Art. 18 taken up and voted on motion of J. H. Chickering that the matter set forth in this article "be left in hands of Selectmen"

Art. 19 taken up and voted on motion of D. L. Fiske that we abate the taxes on the Estate of William Holbrook for the year 1893

Art. 20 Pass over - motion of John McClellan

Art. 4 taken up and voted on motion of S. H. Knowlton "that the Highways - Townways and Bridges be repaired by the Road Commissioners during the ensuing year"

Art. 21 taken up and voted to refer whole matter to the original Town House Committee for plans - specifications - estimates &c. to be reported by them at next meeting in April -
(It was moved to pass over article - 1st amendment by Geo. L. Nichols - substantially to carry out plan embodied in article 21 - 2nd amendment by S. E. Stone to postpone one year - 2nd amendment was put and lost.
1st amendment was then amended by Jona D. Wheeler and accepted by Mr. Nichols - which was then put as a motion and voted as per above record)

On motion of Joseph A. Dodge it was voted - unanimously -
That the thanks of the citizens of Grafton be and are hereby extended to Alphonso A. Ballou Esq. for his valuable services as Town Clerk of the Town of Grafton for the past nine years - The voters of Grafton take pleasure in expressing in this way their very great appreciation of Mr. Ballou's constant and faithful attention to his duties as a town officer as well as his great usefullness as a public spirited and high minded citizen and their best wishes for his future welfare in his anticipated western home

Art. 22 taken up and voted on motion of Luke T. Drury amended by Charles H. Nelson said ammendment being accepted by Mr. Drury "that the whole matter be recommitted to the Road Commissioners for further consideration and that the Board of Selectmen be associated with them in considering said matter - to wit - "the layout of a highway near the Boston and Albany Rail Road Station in North Grafton" -

Motion to adjourn by J. B. Sibley was lost.

Art. 23 taken up and voted on motion of Luke T. Drury to authorize the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to buy for the town land for a right of way

Voted on motion of J. B. Sibley to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at one (1) o'clock P. M.

— Adjourned —

A true record

Attest -

Arthur A. Simmons

Town Clerk

March 3rd 1884

Henry F. Wing - Treasurer was duly sworn into office by me this day -

Arthur A. Simmons

Town Clerk

March 4th 1884

Geo. M. Newton, Constable was duly sworn into office by me this day -

Arthur A. Simmons

Town Clerk

March 7th 1884

Albert M. Goulding - Road Commissioner was duly sworn into office by me this day.

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

March 10th 1884

Jeremiah Robinson - Assessor was duly sworn into office by me this day.

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

March 15th 1884

Albert Bradish - Constable was duly sworn into office by me this day -

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

March 19th 1884

Thomas A. S. Mitchell appointed Constable at Saundersville by Selectmen March 15th as per their Records was duly sworn into said office by me this day -

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Treasurer's Bond "Copy"

Know all men by these presents that we, Henry F. Wing of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts as principal, and Jonathan D. Wheeler and George K. Nichols of said Grafton as Sureties, are holden and stand firmly bound unto the Inhabitants of said Grafton or its certain attorney in the full and just sum of

Twenty Thousand Dollars

to the payment of which well and truly to be made unto said Inhabitants of said Grafton, their successors or assigns, we bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight

hundred and eighty four.

The conditions of this obligation are such that whereas the said Henry F. Wing has been duly chosen Treasurer of said Grafton for the year ensuing and has accepted said office and been duly sworn to the faithful discharge of its duties,

Now if the said Henry F. Wing, shall as Treasurer aforesaid, during the term for which he is elected to said office discharge with diligence and fidelity all the legal duties of said office, then this obligation shall be void otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

Signed and sealed in presence of Arthur A. Simmons to H. F. W. - J. D. W. - G. K. N. -

Henry F. Wing L. S.

Jonathan D. Wheeler L. S.

Geo. K. Nichols L. S.

A true Copy Attest.

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Grafton. Mar. 29 1884.
I hereby certify that on the 28th. day March 1884. I administered the oath required by law to Ashley H. Rice as an assessor of the town of Grafton

Daniel R. Hubbard
Justice of the Peace.

Recvd and recorded March 29th 1884.
Attest.

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

March 29th 1884

William A. Bennett appointed Constable by the Board of Selectmen March 15th 1884 personally appeared and was duly sworn into said office by me this day.

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

April 2d 1884

Ora S. Gibbs - Constable - was duly sworn into office by me this day -

Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk

Monday March 31st 1884

At a meeting of the Selectmen held this day - Joseph A. Dodge - John E. McClellan and Samuel E. Leland present and constituting a majority of said board D. Webster Nickerson was appointed to collect the uncollected taxes for the year 1882 in place of A. A. Ballou resigned as per his letter herewith

To the Selectmen of Grafton

I hereby resign as collector of Taxes for the year 1882 - Below is a list of all uncollected taxes for the year 1882

Francis Carroll - Poll - $2.00
Personal 8.32 10.32

Royal Coombs
Real Quinsigamond Hotel 76.20
$86.52

Yours Truly
A. A. Ballou

Grafton March 3d 1884

Attest
Arthur A. Simmons
Town Clerk